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SUPER-SPACE:
THE HIDDEN STAR FIELDS OF SECTOR X.

"HELLO. THANK
YOU ALL FOR
BEING HERE.

"LET ME BEGIN
BY SAYING THIS--

"THE GALAXY...

"THE GALAXY
IS BROKEN.

"A HUNDRED
WORLDS
ARE AT WAR.

"THE STARS RUN RED
ACROSS THE BLACK
AS ANCIENT GODS STIR
FROM THEIR SLUMBERS.

"NEVER IN MY TIME HAVE
I SEEN SUCH HATRED AND
DIVISION AMONG THE
VARIOUS HOUSES AND
TRIBES OF THE COSMOS...

"NEVER HAVE I
SEEN SUCH
UNMITIGATED
DEATH.

THE SANCTUARY.

"THE ABYSS IS
BURNING, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN...

"AND
YET..."



...HERE WE
ALL ARE.
TOGETHER.

KREE.
SKRULL.

SHI'AR.
ASGARDIANS.

HERALDS.
DEMONS.

PIRATES.
KINGS.

UNITED.
FOR TODAY...

TODAY WE BEAR WITNESS TO THE
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF THE MAD TITAN.

THANOS.
MY
BROTHER.

MANY OF
YOU KNOW
ME. I AM EROS.
STARFOX TO
SOME.

ALL OF
YOU KNOW
MY BROTHER.
OR...RATHER,
YOU "KNEW"
HIM.

THANOS IS
DEAD. IT'S TRUE.
EVEN WITHOUT HIS
HEAD I EXAMINED HIM
SEVERAL TIMES JUST
TO BE SURE.

LET US PRAY
FOR WHATEVER
WORLD HE IS
IN NOW.
AND PERHAPS
SAVE A PRAYER FOR
US AS WELL.

FOR I'M
AFRAID I HAVE
NOT BROUGHT YOU
ALL HERE FOR A
CELEBRATION OF A
FELLED TITAN.

NO...
THOUGH
MY BROTHER
IS DEAD...

...HIS
REIGN IS
NOT...



MMMM.
GREETINGS.

I AM SURE
THERE ARE A GREAT
NUMBER OF YOU GATHERED
HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE
THE PASSING OF YOUR
GREATEST FOE.



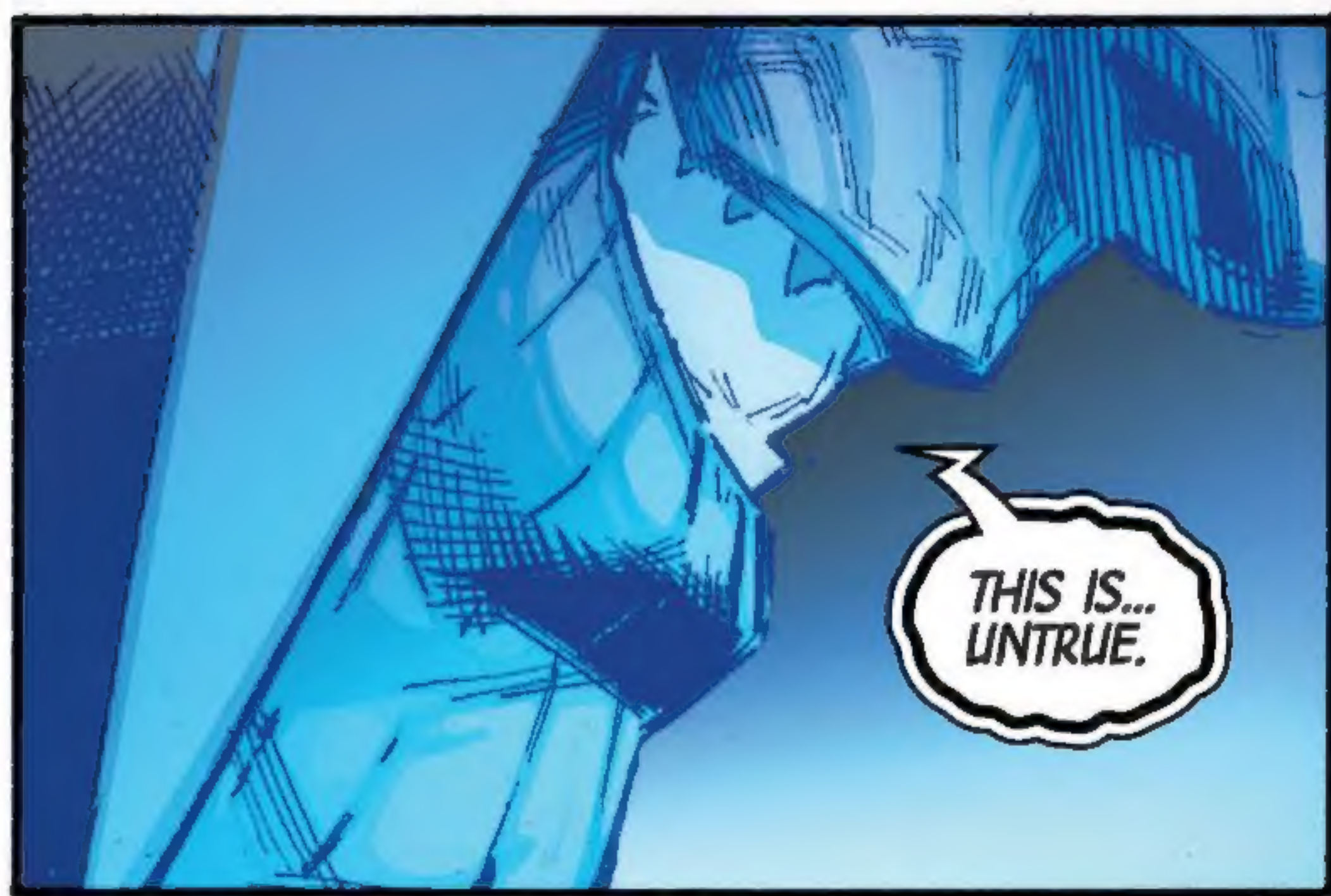
OH COME
ON! GET ON WITH
IT, YA' @#\$%*&%
BLOWHARD!

AYE.



YOU HAVE
BEEN LED TO BELIEVE,
I AM SURE, THAT YOU
HAVE BEEN BROUGHT
TOGETHER TO HEAR THE
FINAL WORDS OF
THANOS.

MY TESTAMENT.
MY REQUIEM, AS
IT WERE.



THIS IS...
UNTRUE.



YOU MUST
UNDERSTAND. IF THIS
MESSAGE HAS BEEN
RECOVERED, THEN I
HAVE BEEN FELLED.

AND AS HARD
AS IT IS FOR ME TO
BELIEVE A BEING EXISTS
THAT COULD KILL
THANOS...



...THANOS
PREPARES FOR...
EVERYTHING.



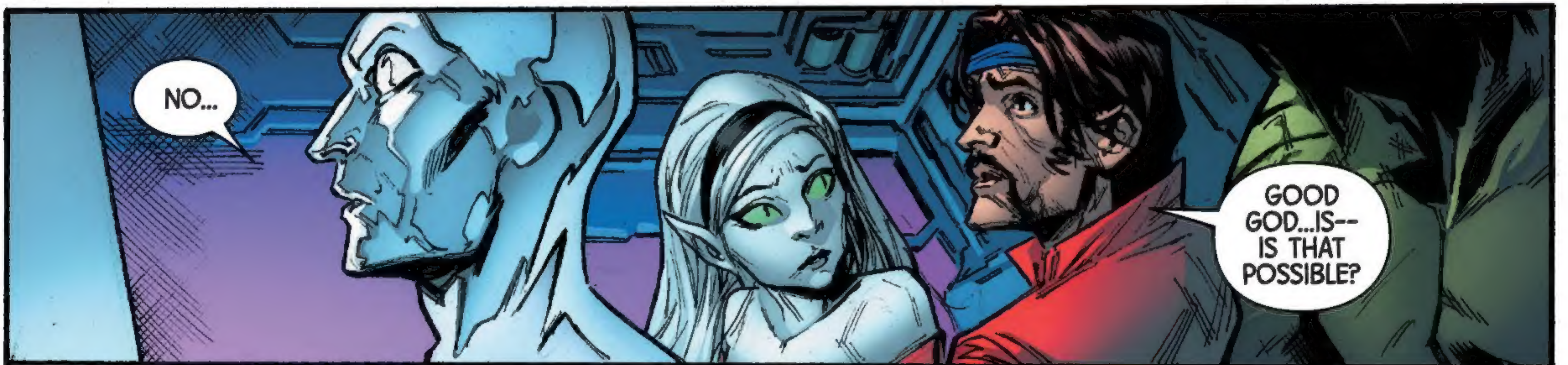
THIS IS NOT
HOW THANOS
WILL DIE.

NO, WHEN I
JOIN DEATH AT HER
SIDE, IT WILL BE ON
TERMS THAT I ALONE
WILL DICTATE.

I HAVE NEVER
LIVED A COMMON
LIFE, AND I WILL NOT
DIE A COMMON
DEATH.



AS SUCH, I
HAVE TAKEN MEASURES TO
HAVE MY CONSCIOUSNESS
UPLOADED AND IMPLANTED
INTO THE MIND OF ANOTHER
UPON MY UNTIMELY
DEMISE.



NO...

GOOD
GOD...IS--
IS THAT
POSSIBLE?

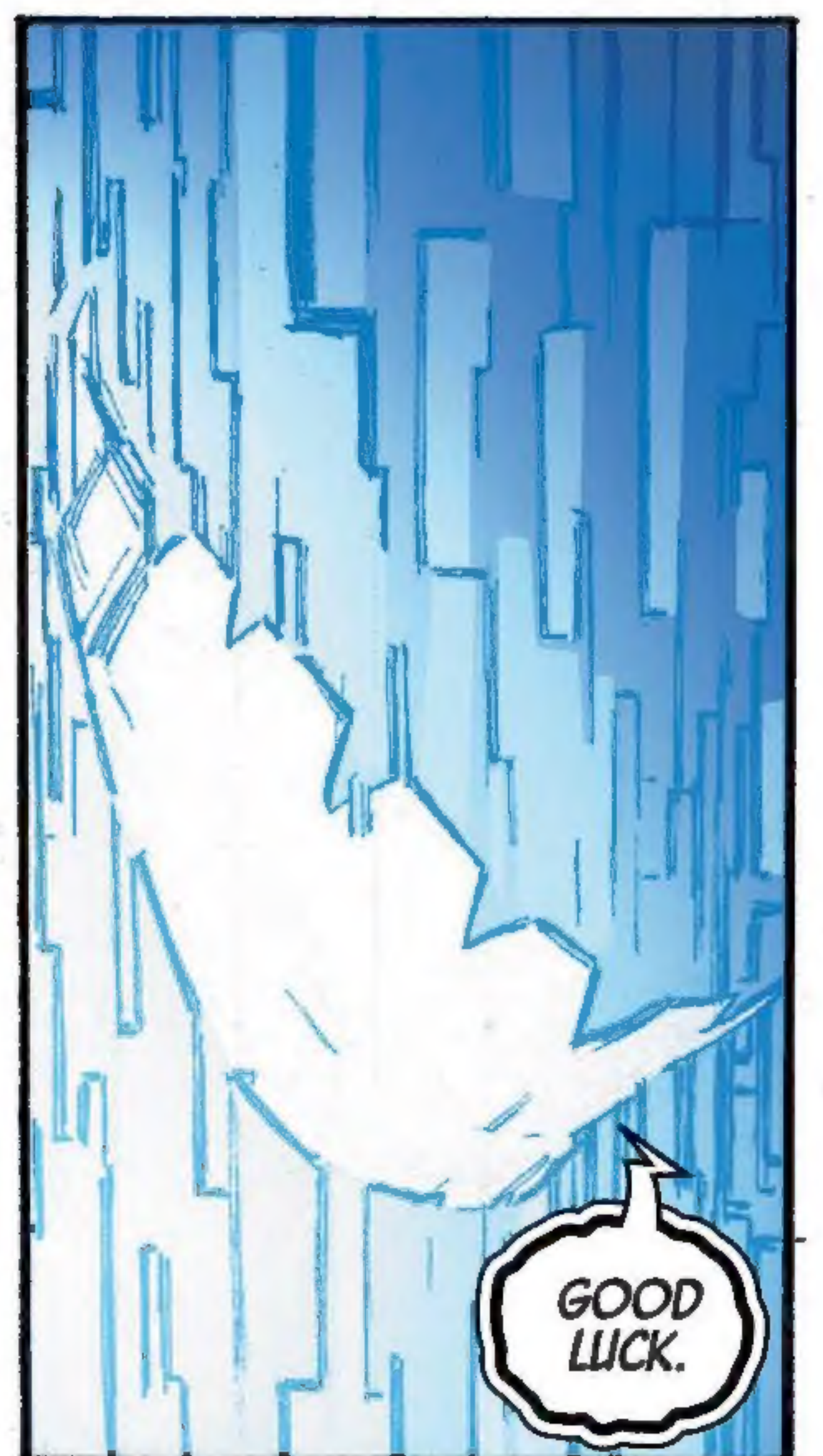


THAT I WILL
BE UNABLE TO
WITNESS YOUR
SCRAMBLING
HORROR TO FIND
MY NEW
BODY...

...TO NOT BE
THERE TO SEE YOU
RIP ONE ANOTHER
APART TO PREVENT
MY FINAL
GAUNTLET...



...THIS...IS
MY ONLY
REGRET.



GOOD
LUCK.



SO...

...YOU CAN
SEE NOW WHY I
HAVE CALLED YOU
ALL HERE.

ALL ASSEMBLED,
YOU ARE THE GREATEST
AND MOST INFLUENTIAL
POWERS THAT EXIST IN THE
KNOWN UNIVERSE.

YOU WILL
NOTICE THE
INTENTIONAL LACK
OF "EARTH'S
MIGHTIEST HEROES"
AS WELL.

THIS IS
BECAUSE, WELL...
YOU ARE, ALL OF
YOU...HOW DO
I SAY THIS...



...NOT
ADVERSE
TO UNCLEAN
HANDS.

I'M AFRAID
WHAT COMES
NEXT WILL BE RATHER
DIFFICULT. CHOICES WILL
NEED TO BE MADE
THAT--

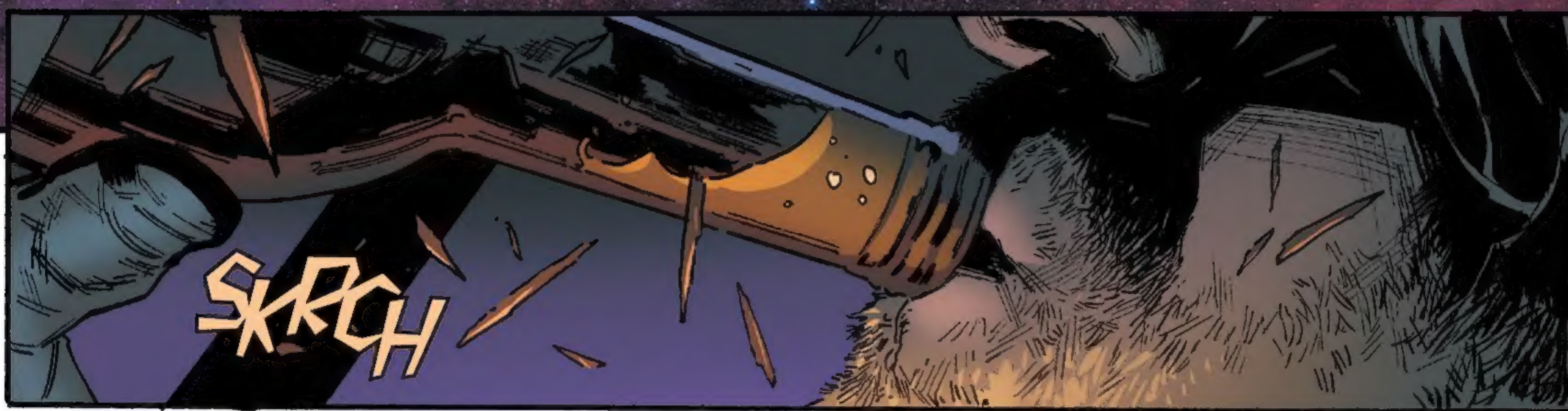


WHAT
ABOUT THE
GUARDIANS
OF THE
GALAXY?

WHERE
ARE THEY?

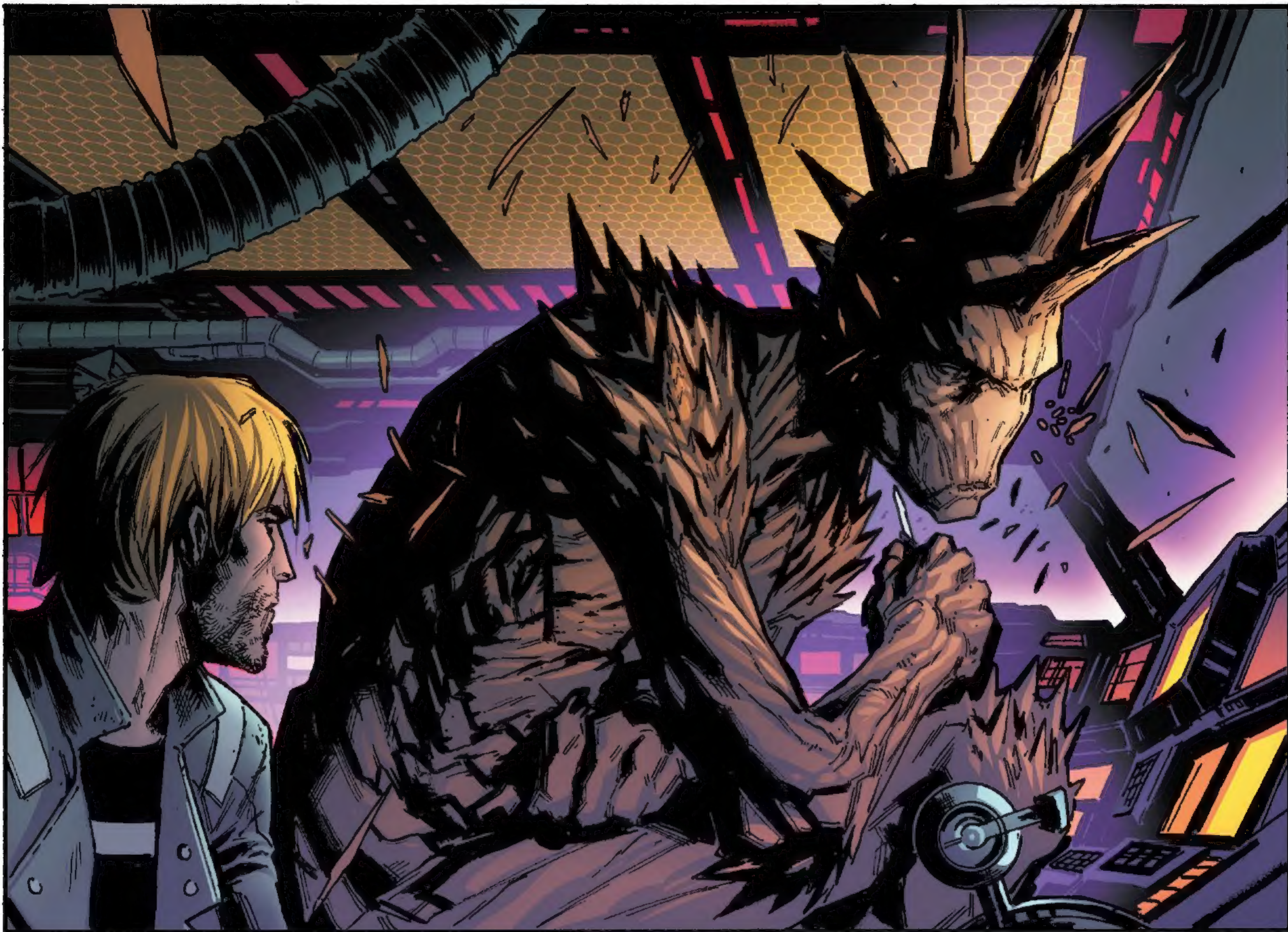


HALFWAY TO KNOWHERE...



FOR THE LAST
DAMN TIME, WILL
YOU KNOCK IT OFF
WITH THE SAWDUST
ALREADY?!

DAMMIT,
GROOT...





KNOWHERE...



IT'S...
GONE.



I'M AFRAID
WE'RE GOING TO
HAVE TO KILL QUITE
A LOT OF PEOPLE.

THIS IS MADNESS!
WE HAVE NO IDEA IF
THANOS IS EVEN TELLING
THE TRUTH! THIS COULD
ALL BE PART OF SOME
MAD GAME!



IT COULD. OR
WE COULD BE IGNORING
THE BIRTH OF A NEW THANOS.
WE WOULD BE FOOLS TO
NOT HEAR EROS OUT, BILL.



THE SILVER SURFER IS RIGHT. IMAGINE,
IF WE'D HAD THE CAPACITY TO END
THANOS' LIFE AS A CHILD, HOW
MUCH PAIN AND MISERY WOULD
THIS UNIVERSE HAVE
BEEN SPARED?



UGH.

I KNEW I
SHOULD HAVE SHOT
THAT DAMN BABY
IN THE FACE.



I'VE NARROWED THE LIST DOWN TO A GROUP OF HIGHLY LIKELY CANDIDATES ACCORDING TO POWER, INTELLIGENCE AND INFLUENCE.

LIKE IT OR NOT, IF THERE IS EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE THAT MY BROTHER COULD BE REBORN INTO ANY ONE OF THESE BODIES, WE HAVE TO END THEM.

I STILL MAY BE ABLE TO GLEAN SOME MORE INFORMATION FROM FURTHER DISSECTION OF THANOS' BODY.

IF IT WERE UP TO ME WE WOULD THROW HIS CORPSE INTO THE SUN.

BUT FOR NOW...



...I'M AFRAID WE MUST START WITH THE MOST OBVIOUS CANDIDATE.

BEFORE WE DO ANYTHING ELSE...



...GAMORA MUST DIE.



I KNEW IT! I WANTED TO KILL THAT LUNATIC THE FIRST CHANCE I HAD WHEN MOONDRAGON AND I ARRIVED IN THIS INSANE UNIVERSE!

PHYLA...NO. WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?



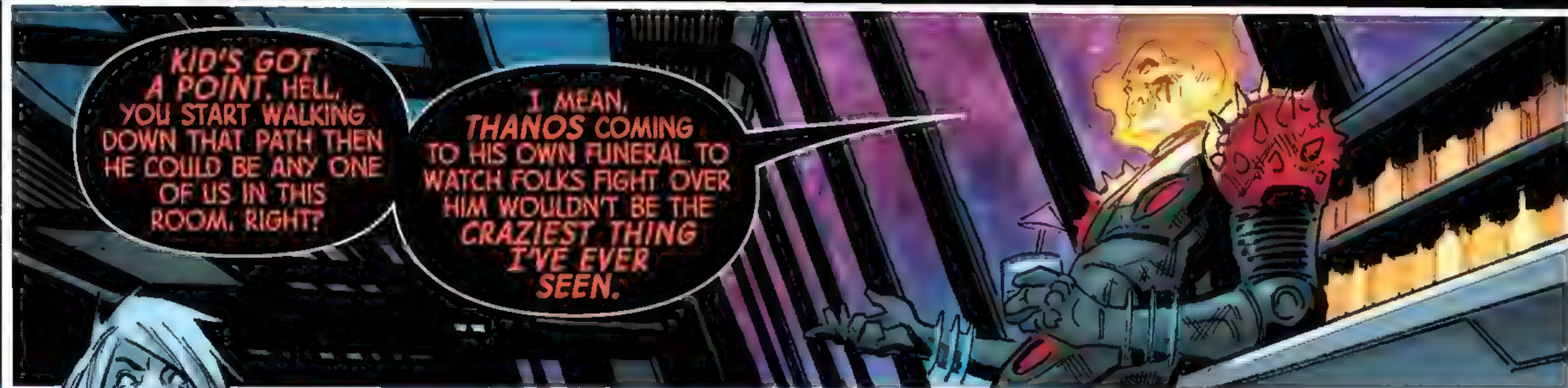
HEATHER, EROS IS RIGHT. LOOK AT WHAT GAMORA DID WITH THE INFINITY STONES.* SHE'S OBVIOUSLY--

SO, WE'RE HUNTING PEOPLE DOWN BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF THEIR PARENTS?

HEATHER...

I MEAN, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE. WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE THANOS' WORD?! DOES THAT SOUND SANE?

*SEE INFINITY WARS #1-6! --DS



KID'S GOT A POINT, HELL, YOU START WALKING DOWN THAT PATH THEN HE COULD BE ANY ONE OF US IN THIS ROOM, RIGHT?

I MEAN, THANOS COMING TO HIS OWN FUNERAL TO WATCH FOLKS FIGHT OVER HIM WOULDN'T BE THE CRAZIEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN.

BY THE GODS...

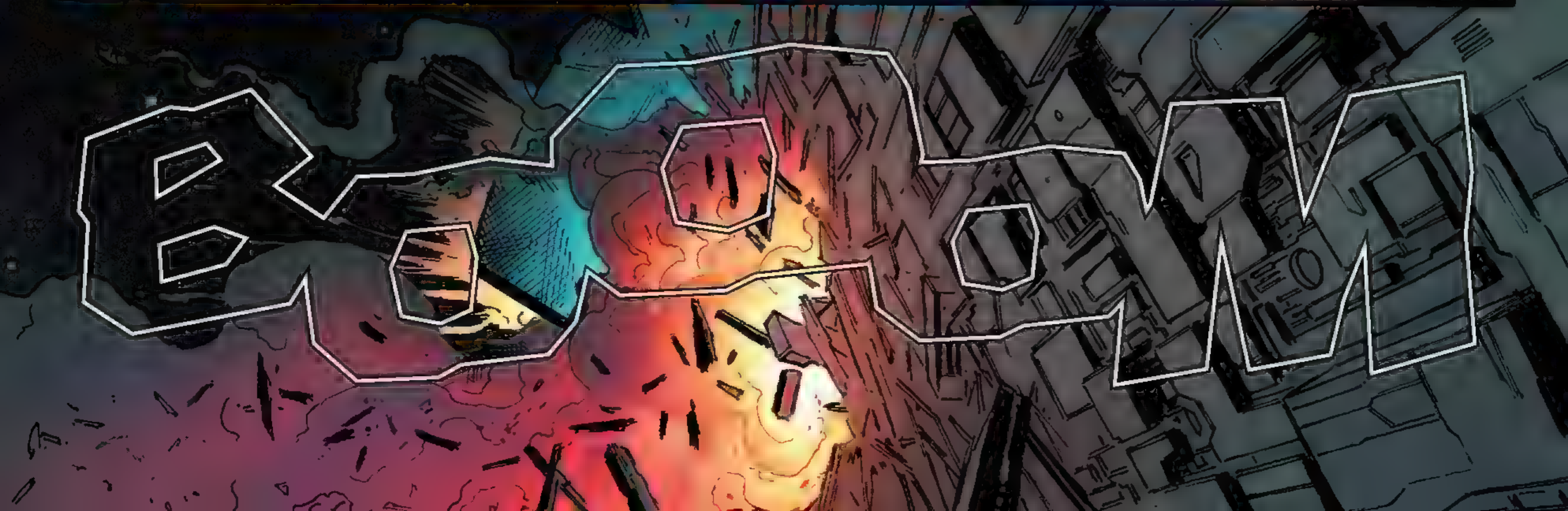
LOOK!



HUH.



BUT
THAT MIGHT
BE.



WAA..

"THAT'S
KNOWHERE
OUT THERE

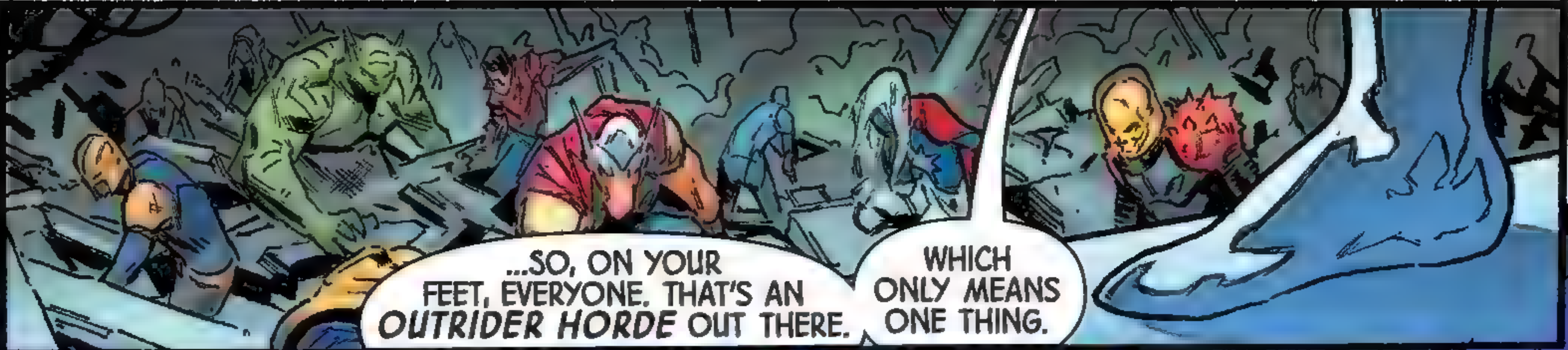
"WHICH MEANS WE'VE JUST
BEEN BLASTED AND TORN
IN HALF BY A SEVERED
CELESTIAL HEAD CAPABLE OF
FASTER-THAN-LIGHT TRAVEL.

"THOSE CABLES COMING OUT OF
ITS MOUTH ARE UNBREAKABLE
KORBINITE STEEL. THEY COULD SURVIVE
THE HEAT DEATH OF A NEUTRON STAR.

"WE AREN'T GOING
ANYWHERE UNLESS
KNOWHERE
WANTS US TO.

"IT ALSO
MEANS WE'RE
BEING BOARDED..."

WAA-CHK-CHK-CHK-CHK



...SO, ON YOUR FEET, EVERYONE. THAT'S AN **OUTRIDER HORDE** OUT THERE.

WHICH ONLY MEANS ONE THING.

I BELIEVE THIS IS A ROBBERY.

HSSSS!

HSSSS!

BILL, I'LL NEED YOU FLANKED ON MY LEFT DURING THIS. NO ONE GETS TO THANOS' BODY, UNDERSTOOD?

OF COURSE, NORRIN. IT WILL BE AN HONOR.

AND...I DON'T BELIEVE WE'VE MET. I'LL NEED YOU TO--



FRANK CASTLE, YOU KILLED ME IN THE FUTURE.

WE'RE GOOD, BUT MAYBE DON'T GIVE ME ORDERS, RADD.

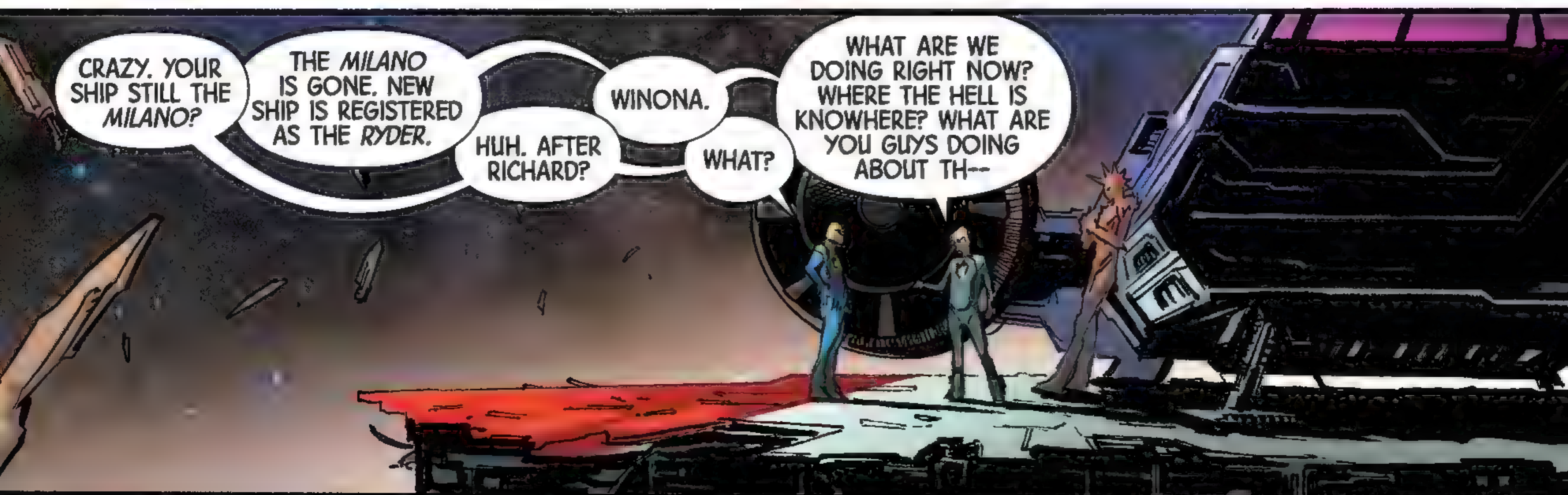
VERY WELL.



@#%\$! GUYS!

HEADS UP.







DEET
DEET

HOLD
PLEASE.

WHAT?

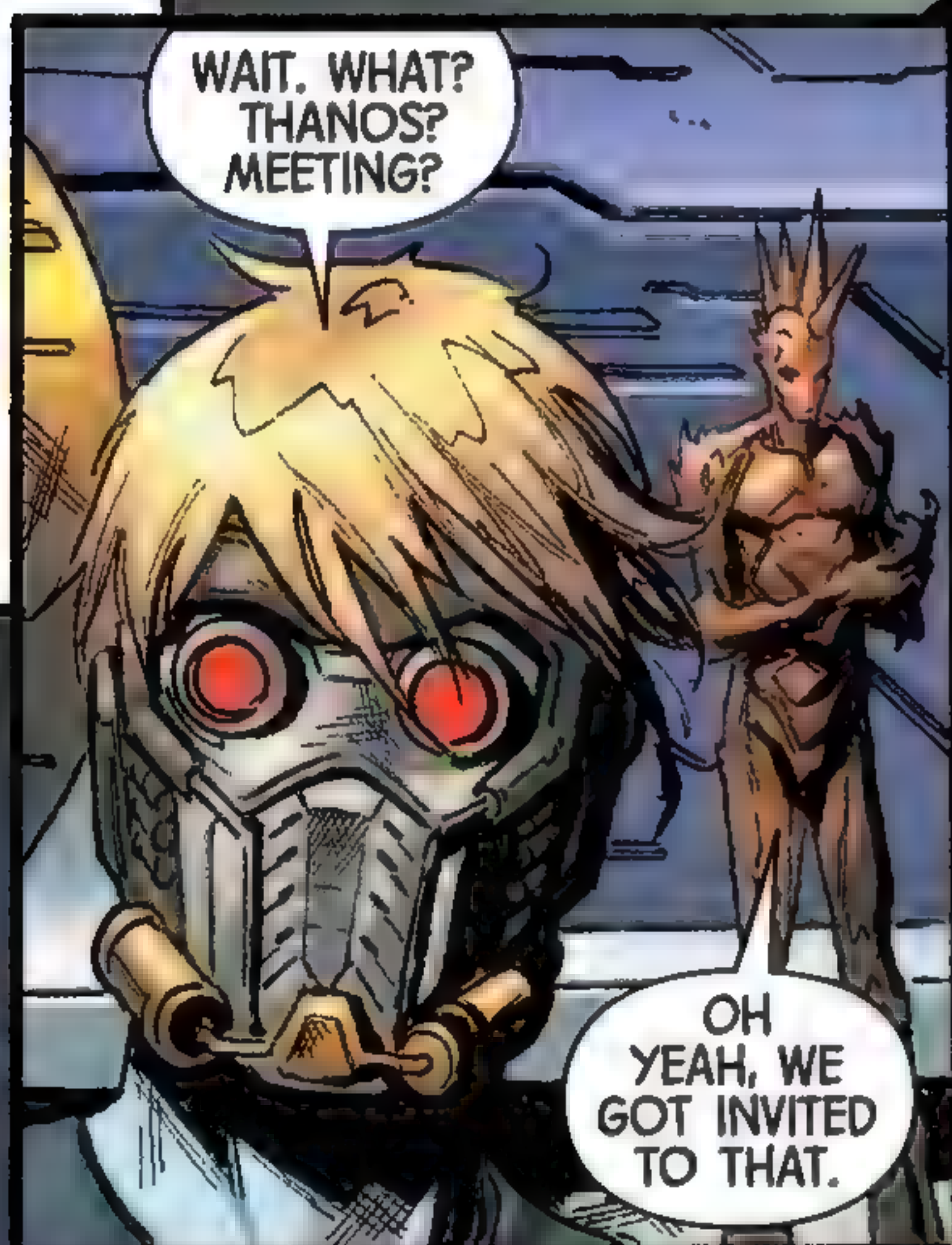
HUH.



LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE ON TO
SOMETHING,
QUILL.

NOVA CORPS
PICKED UP SOME
ENERGY READINGS
A FEW LIGHT-YEARS
OUTSIDE OF MARKUS-
CENTAURI THAT ARE
READING AS CELESTIAL.
AND MOVING
FAST.

LOOKING
LIKE IT'S HEADING
TOWARD THAT BIG
MEETING THAT'S HAPPENING
OUT ON THANOS' SHIP
THAT WE'RE ALL SUPPOSED
TO PRETEND ISN'T
HAPPENING.



WAIT. WHAT?
THANOS?
MEETING?

OH
YEAH, WE
GOT INVITED
TO THAT.

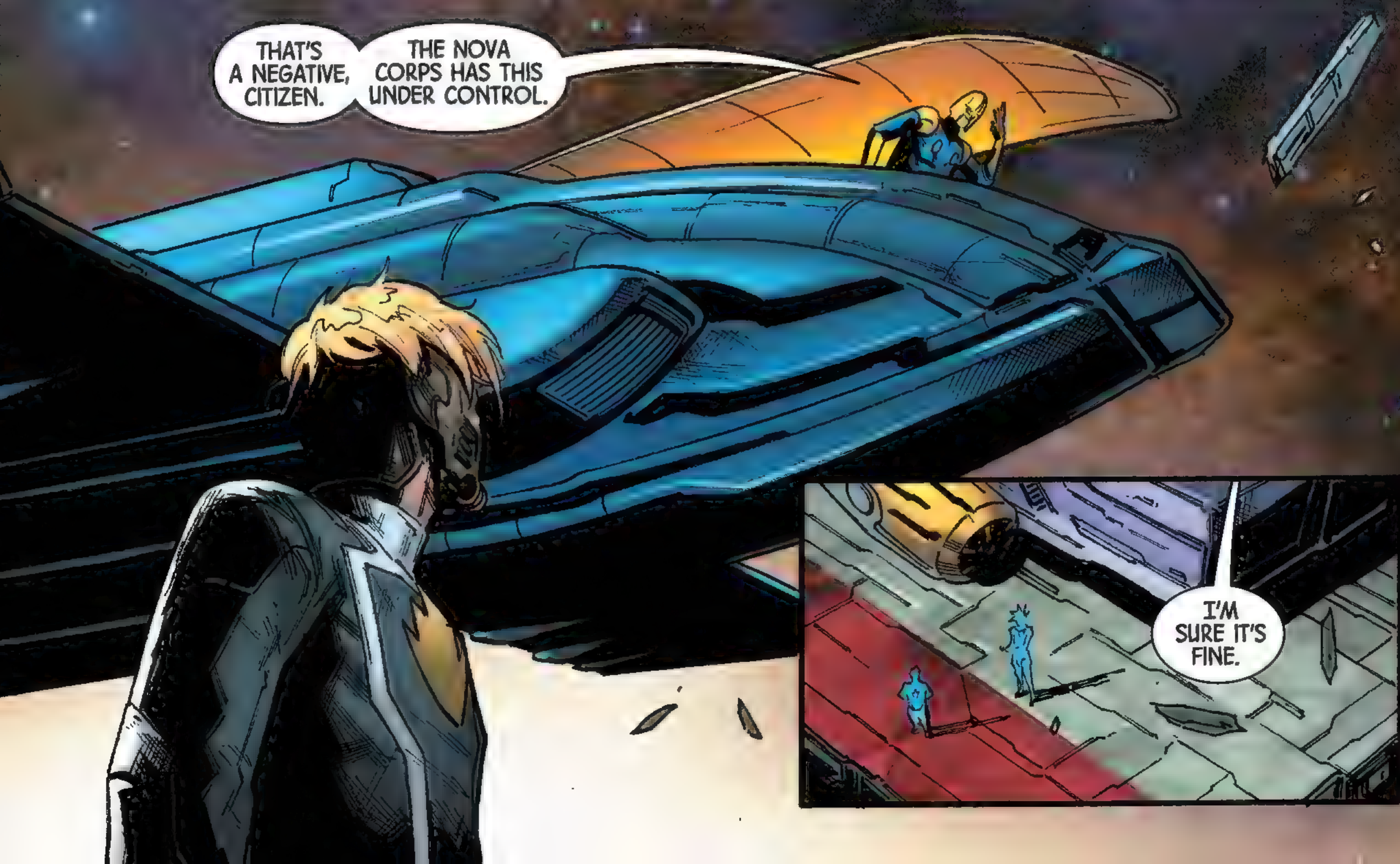


GROOT MEANT
TO TELL YOU
ABOUT IT BUT THEN
GROOT DIDN'T.

SEEMED
LAME.

WHAT?!
GROOT, WHAT
THE HELL?

DAMMIT,
MAN! WELL,
COME ON, WE
HAVE TO--

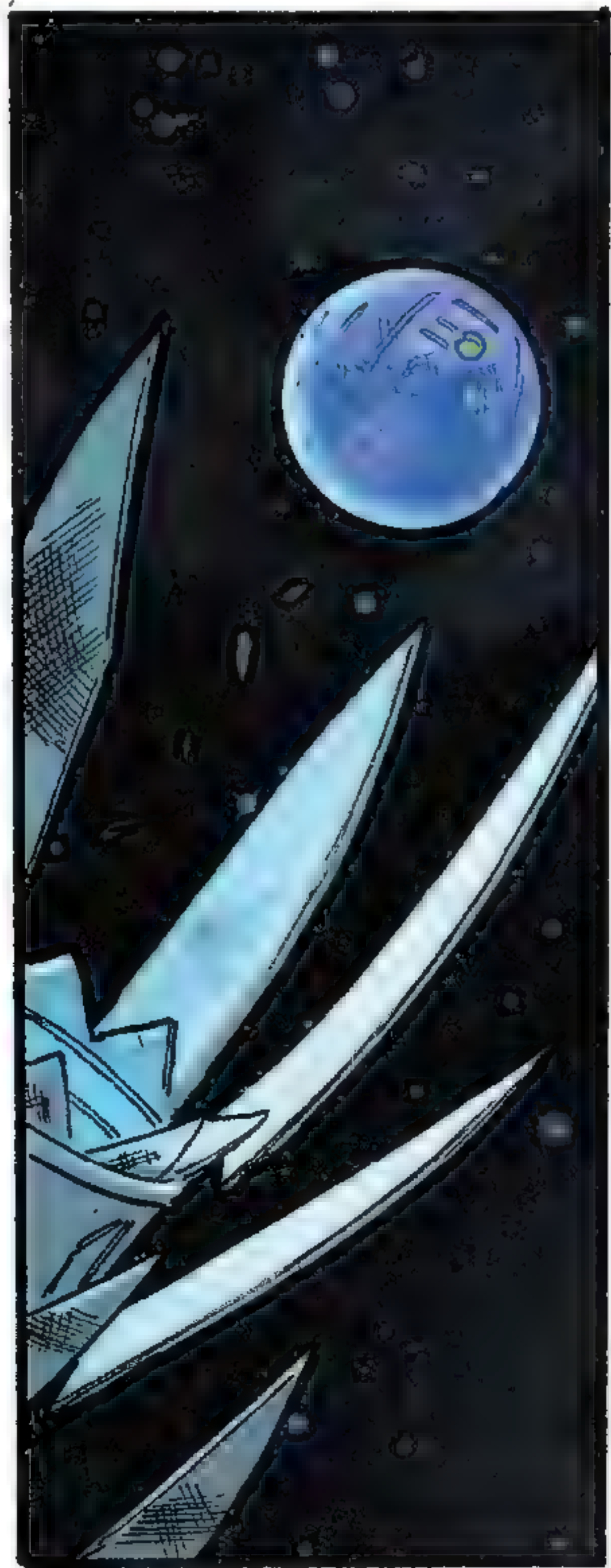
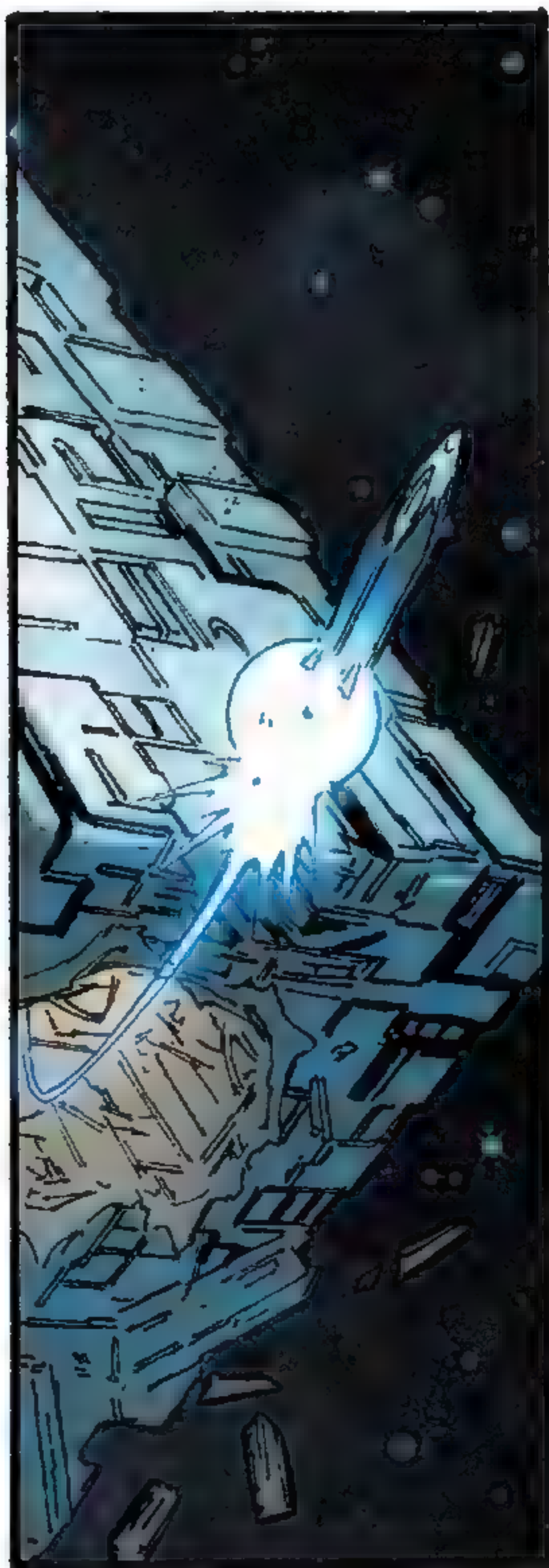
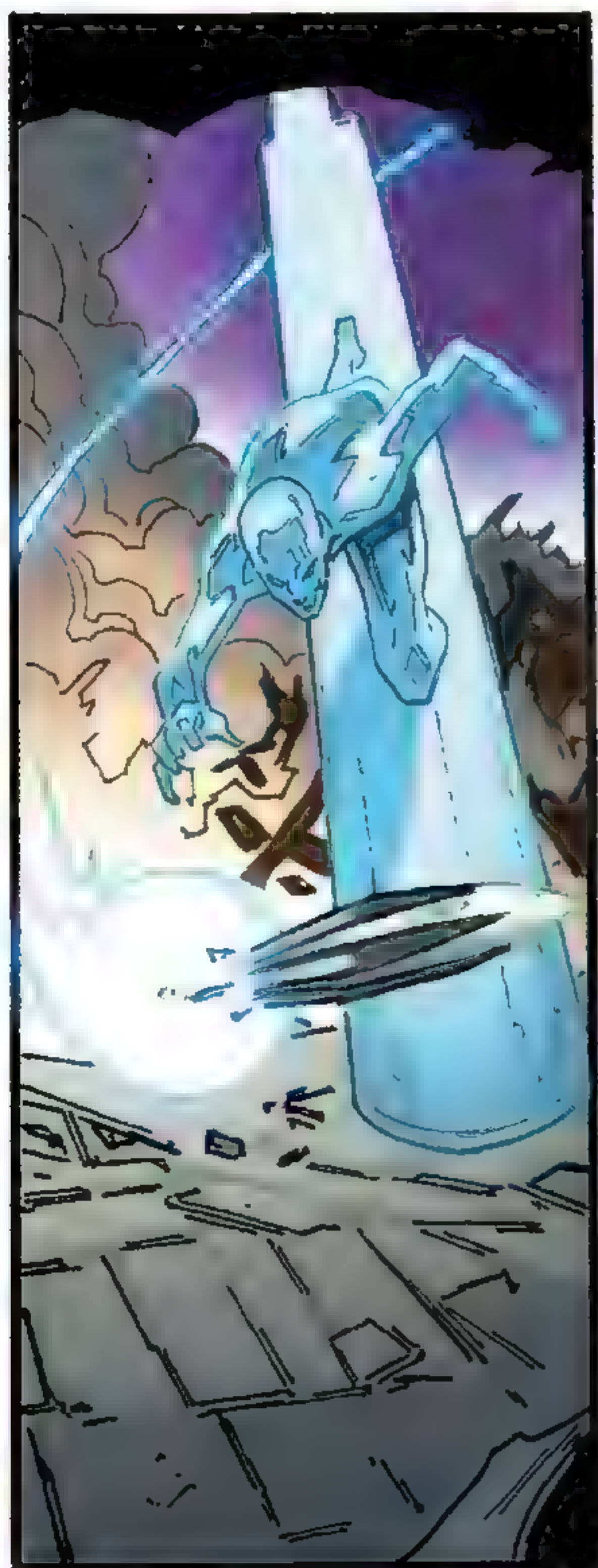
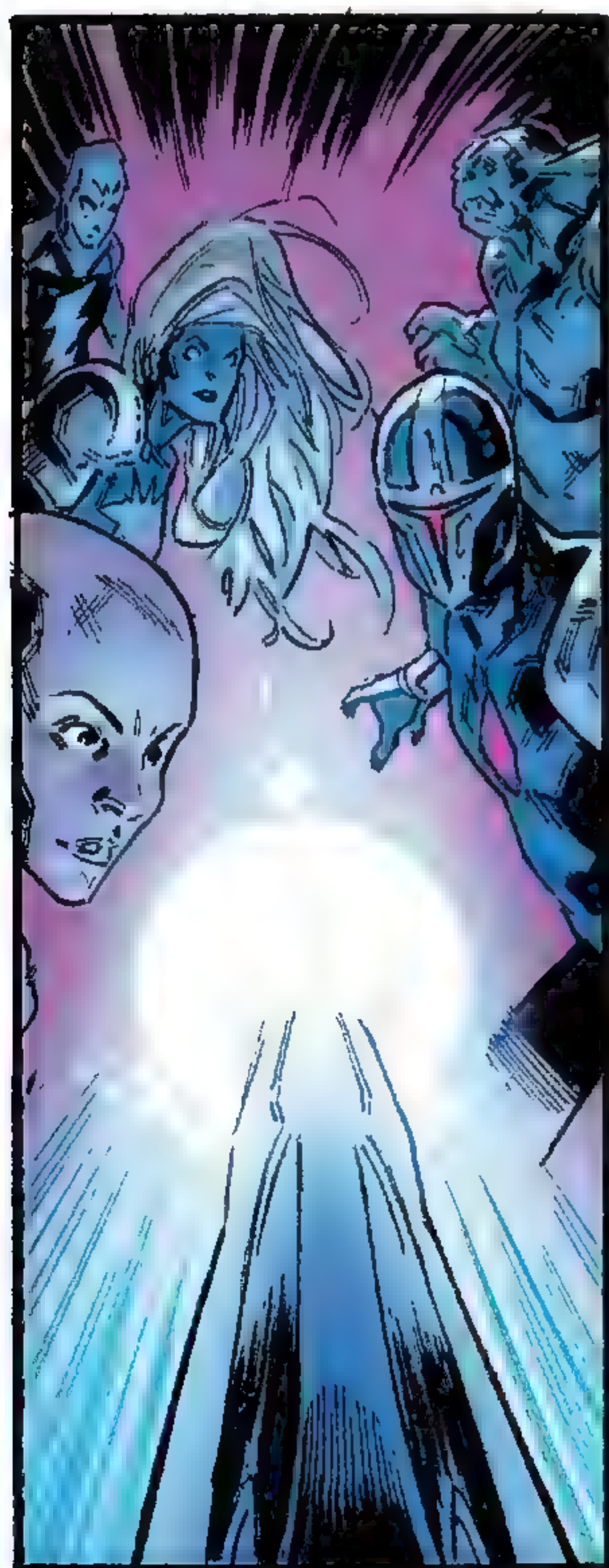
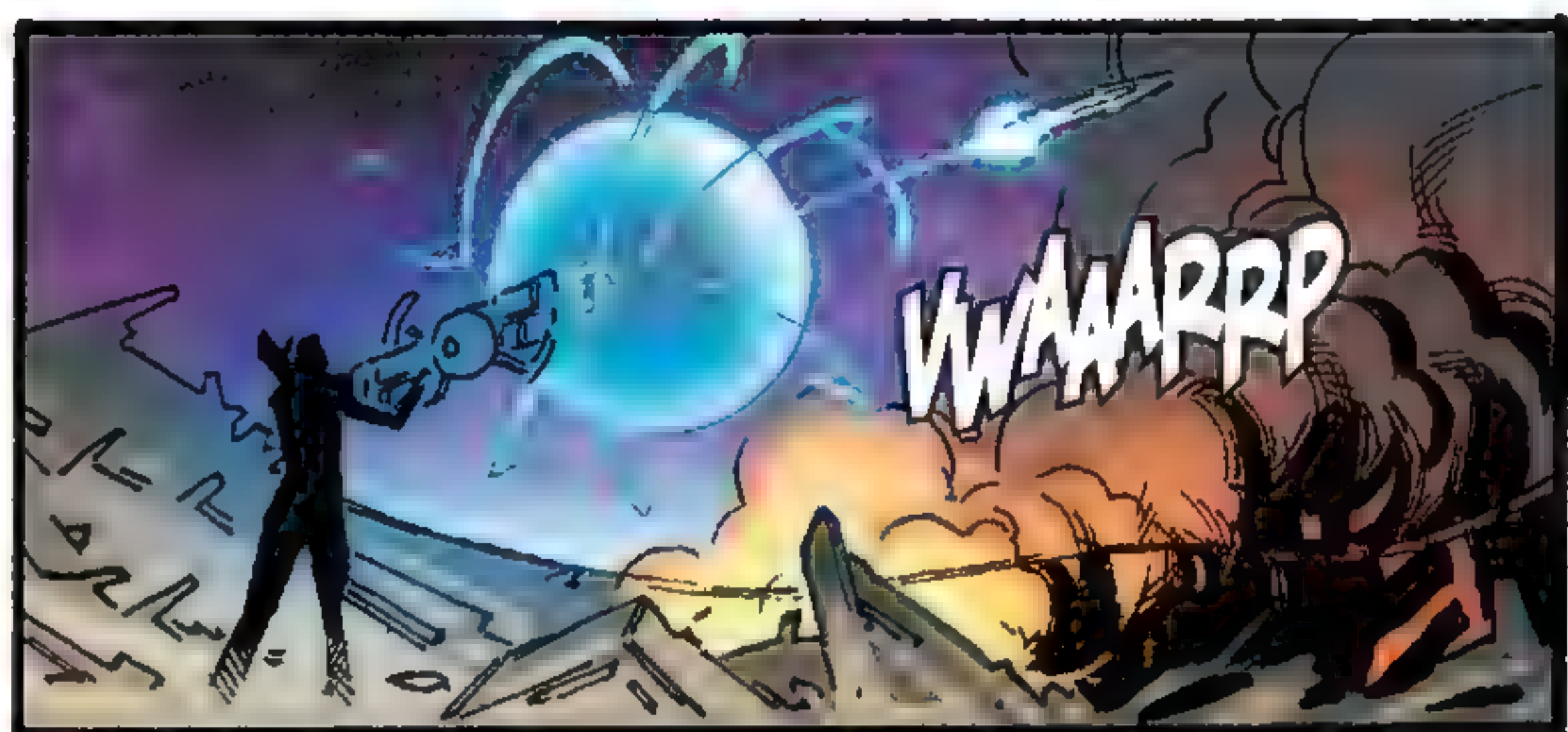
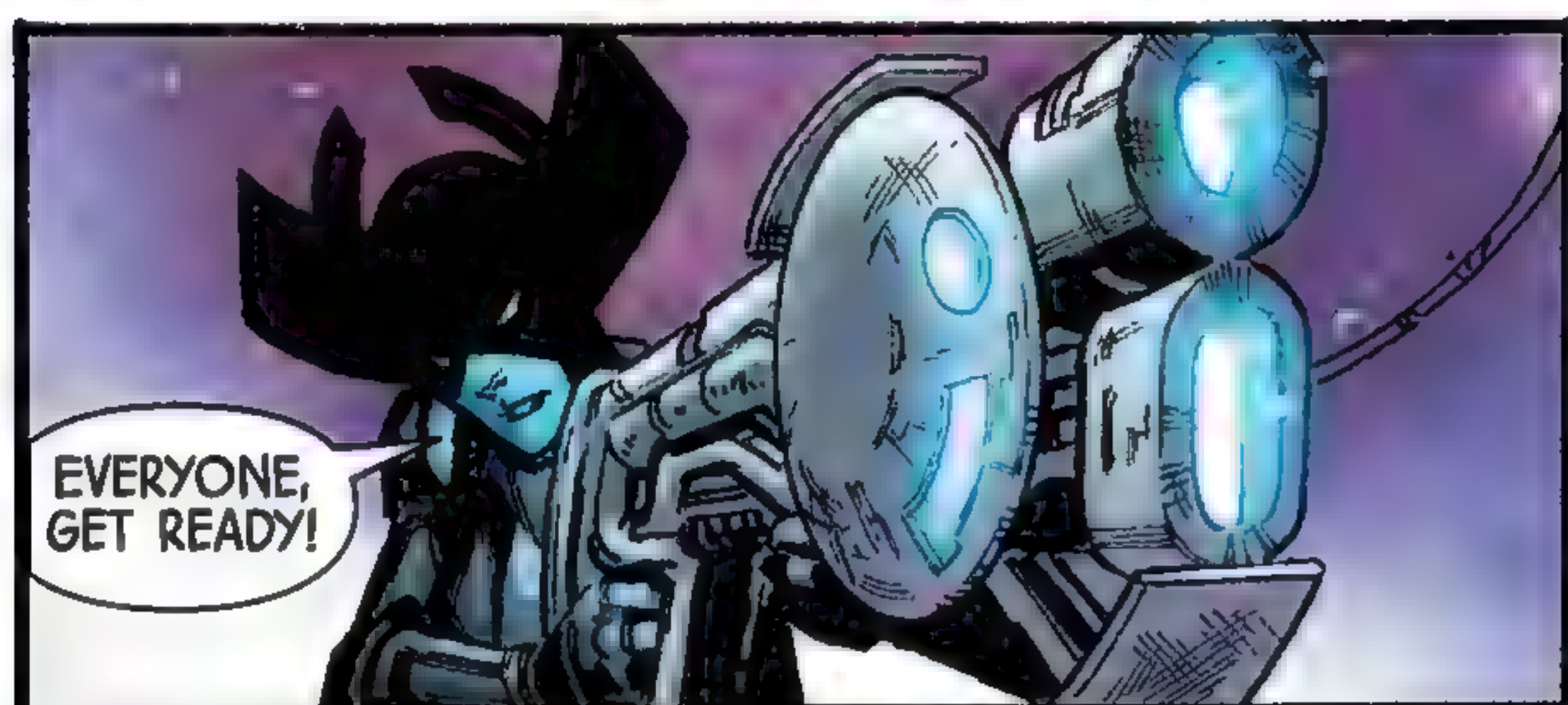
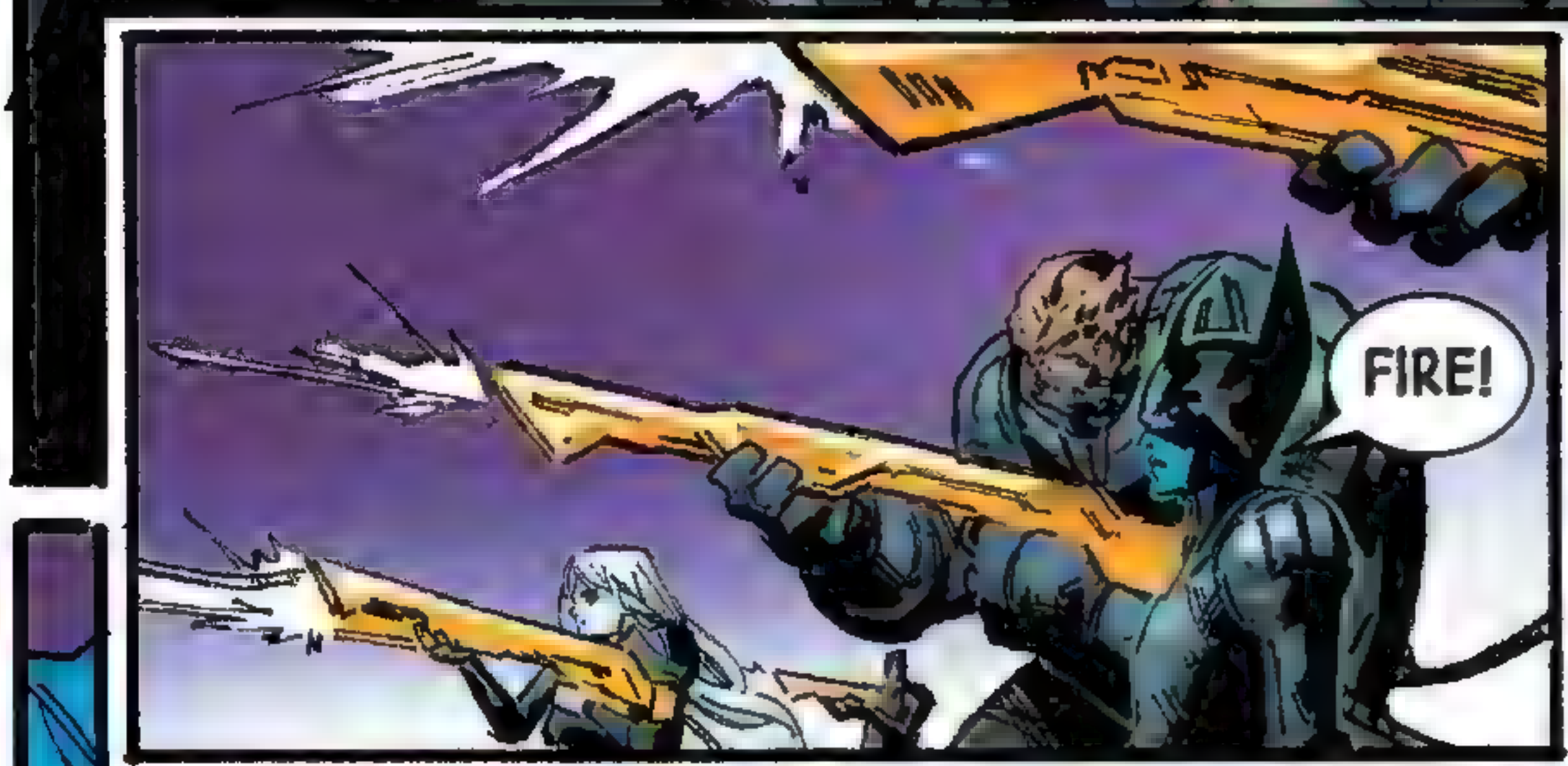


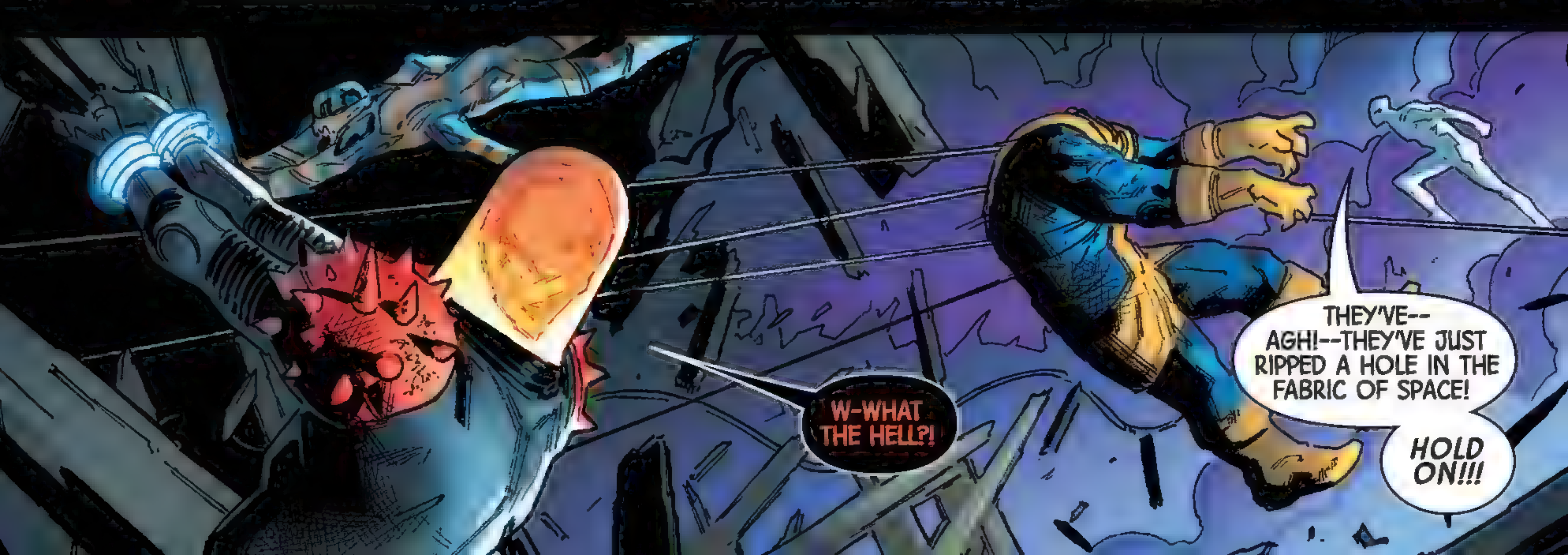
THAT'S
A NEGATIVE,
CITIZEN.

THE NOVA
CORPS HAS THIS
UNDER CONTROL.



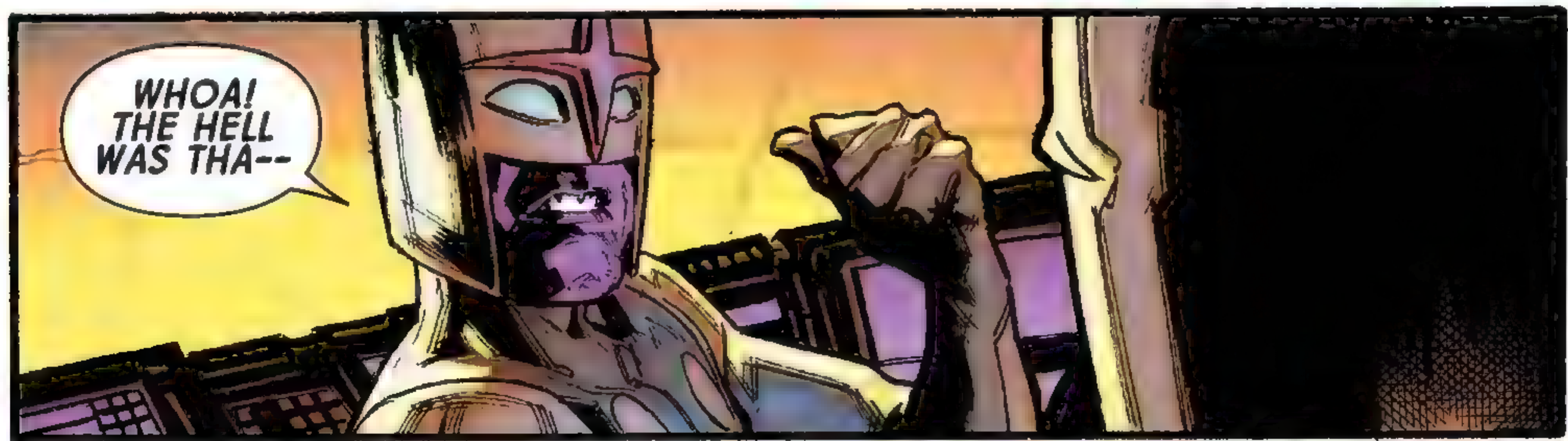
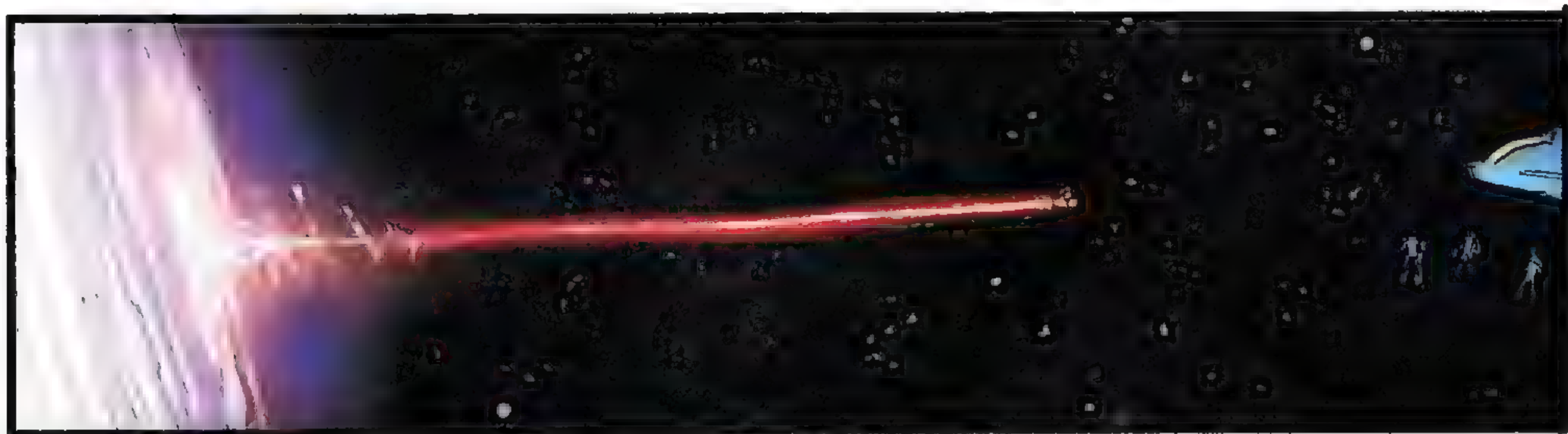
I'M
SURE IT'S
FINE.

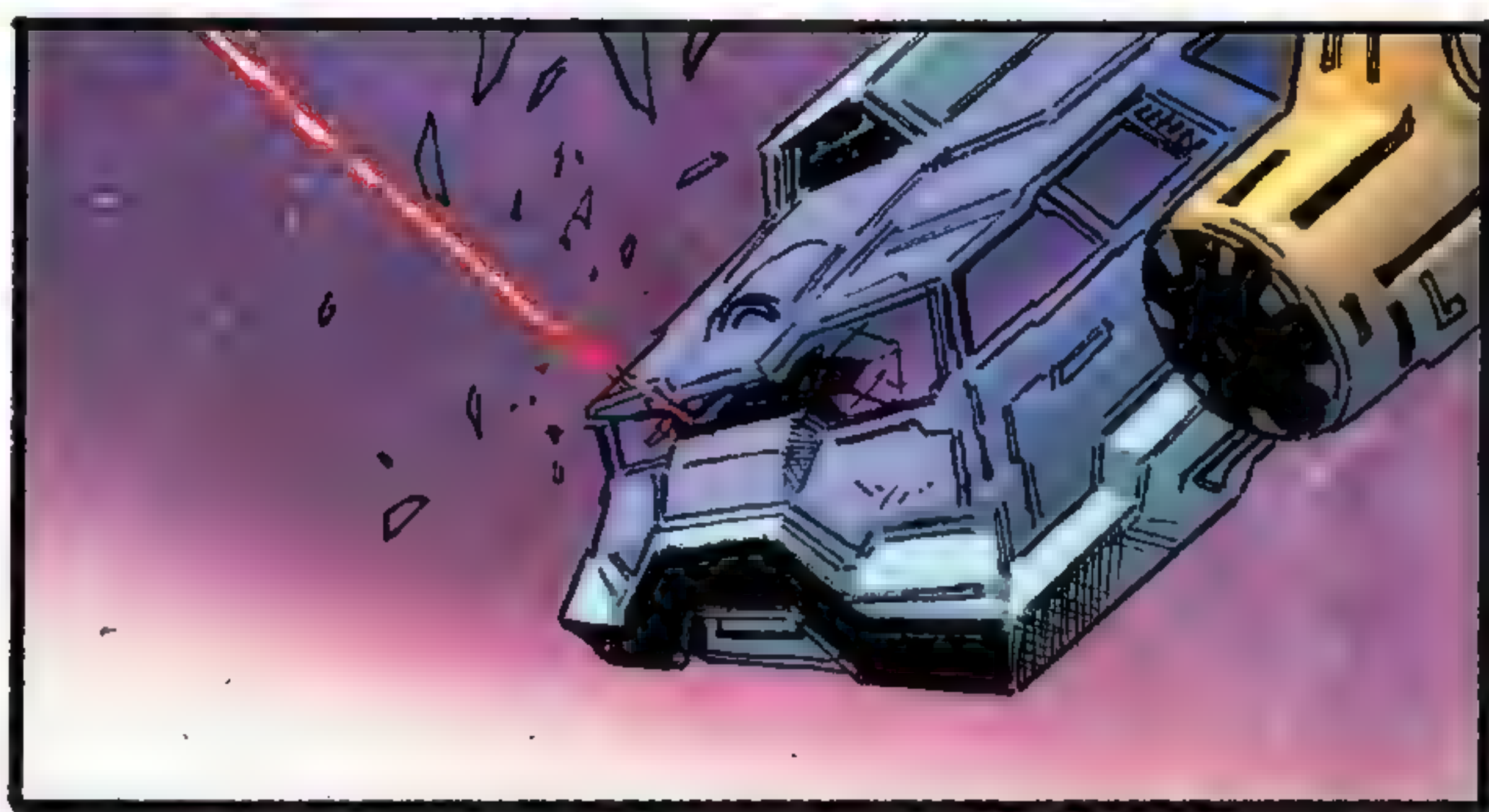














GOOD LORD, IS THAT BETA RAY BILL?! HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?!

LOOK! HE HAS SOMEONE ELSE!



IS THAT...THAT'S MOONDRAGON AND PHYLAVELL AND--AND SOME WEIRD DEMON GUY!

LET'S REEL 'EM IN!



BILL,
ARE YOU
GUYS--

WE'VE LOST
THEM.

CORSAIR AND
THE STARJAMMERS.
THE SILVER SURFER.
THE IMPERIAL GUARD,
THE SKRULLS...

GONE.

THE BLACK
ORDER HAS
THANOS' BODY.
I'VE...



I'VE
FAILED.

SLOW DOWN,
WHAT DOES--

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
QUILL.



I'M AFRAID
YOU'LL NEED TO
RELINQUISH THEM
TO US.

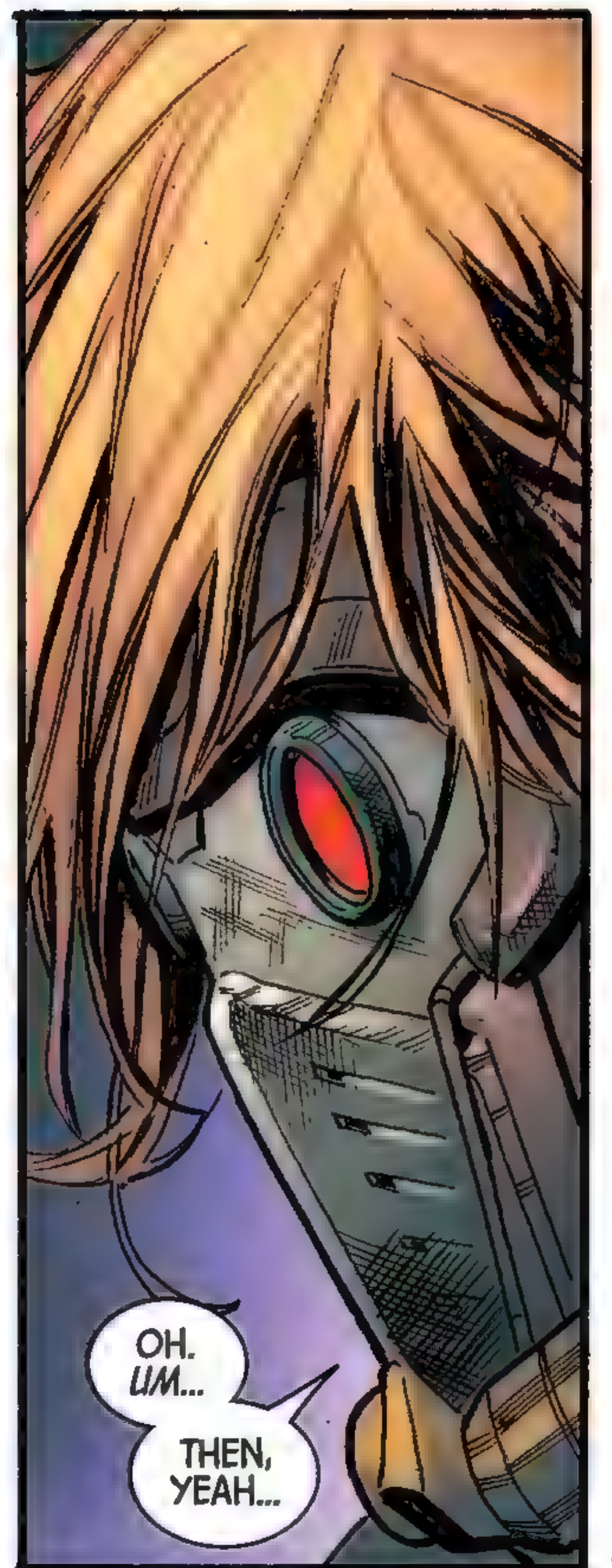
WE
HAVE SOME
QUESTIONS.



SORRY, NO CAN DO.
CHECK YOUR FILES
AGAIN, PIG.

YOU'RE GONNA
NEED A WARRANT
TO ENTER MY
SHIP.

YOUR GALACTIC
RIGHTS ONLY EXTEND
TO MEMBERS OF YOUR
IMMEDIATE CREW, QUILL.
AND EVEN THEN, ONLY
TENTATIVELY...



OH.
UM...

THEN,
YEAH...



THEY'RE
WITH ME.

THIS IS
MY NEW
CREW.



WAIT,
NO.

NO, NO,
NO. I AINT
SIGNING UP TO BE
A MEMBER OF
THE DAMN—

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

MEANWHILE...

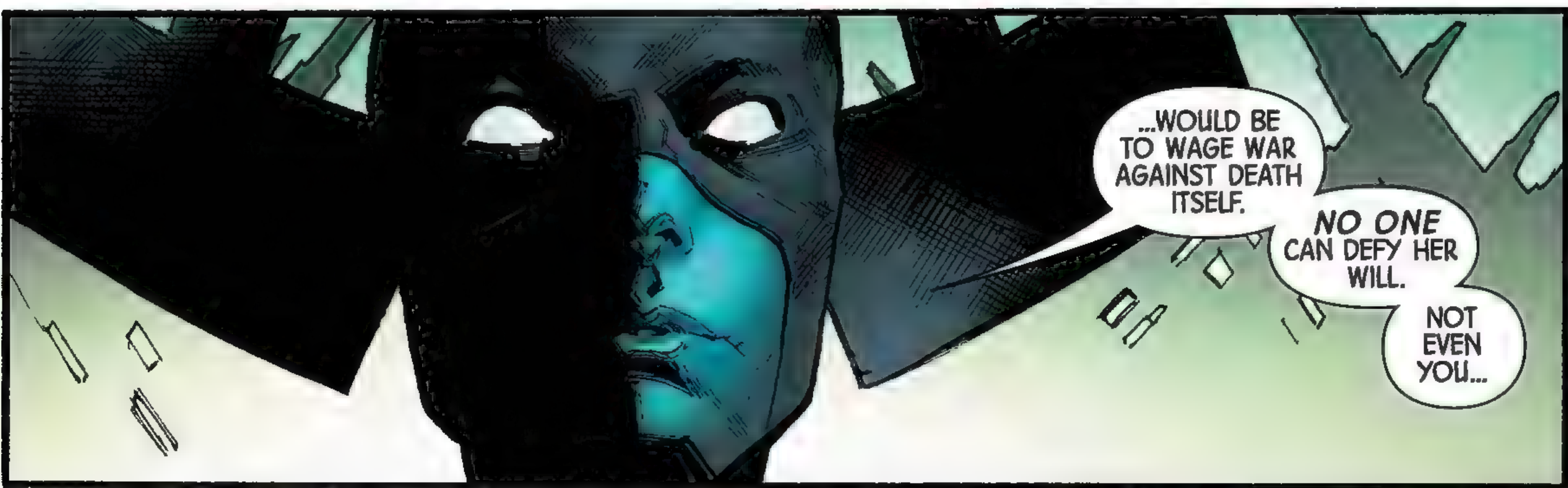
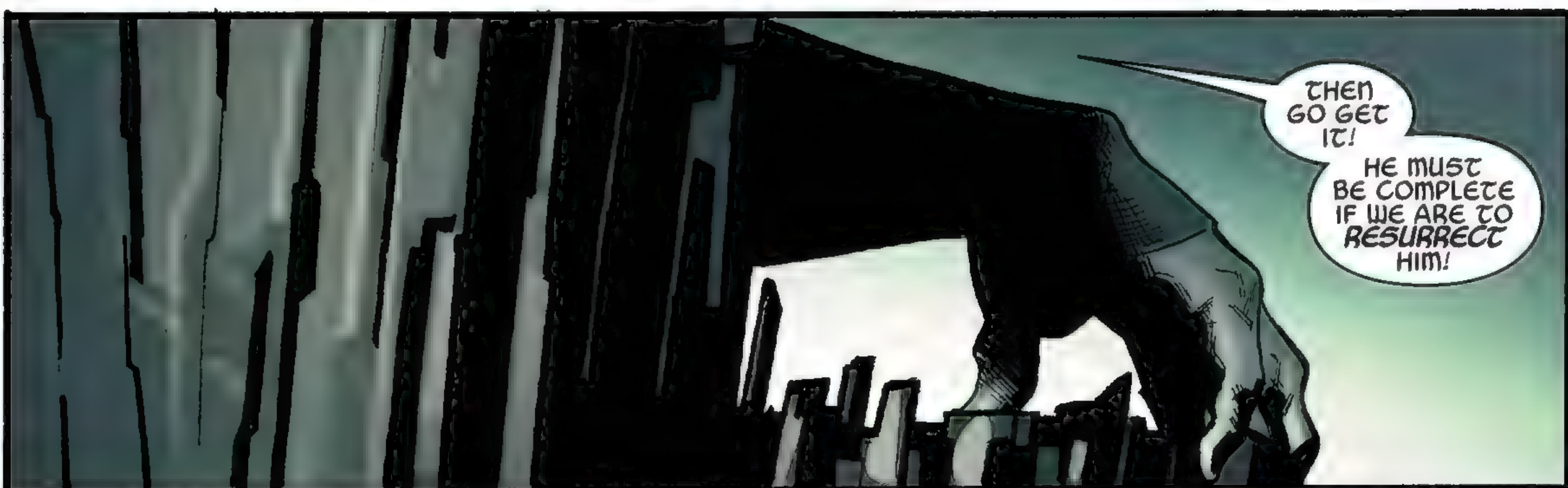
THE BLACK ORDER.

WE WERE
SUCCESSFUL.

THANOS
IS YOURS
AGAIN.

AND THE
OTHERS? HIS
BROTHER?

DEAD. THEIR
BODIES SCATTERED
ACROSS TIME.

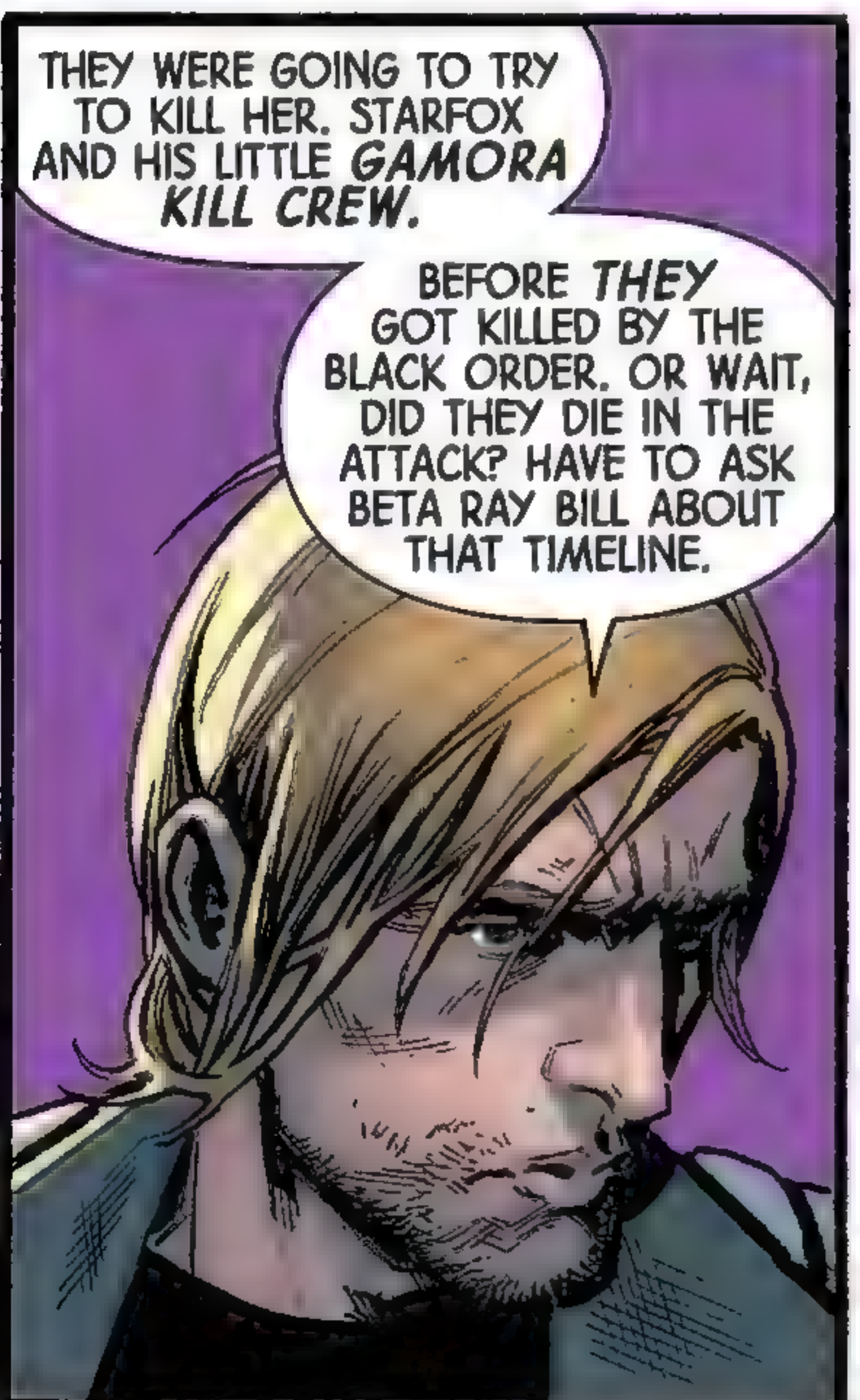
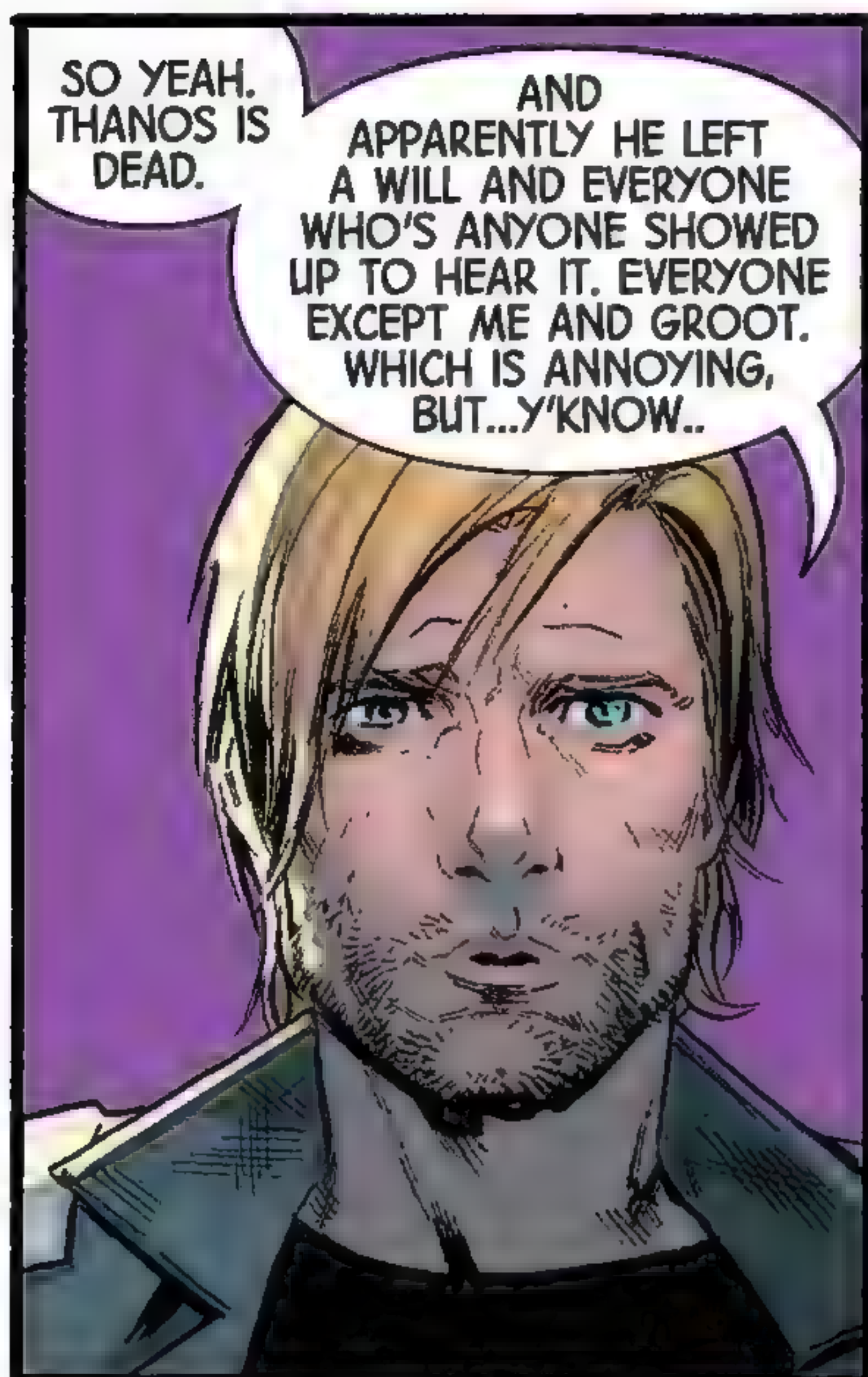


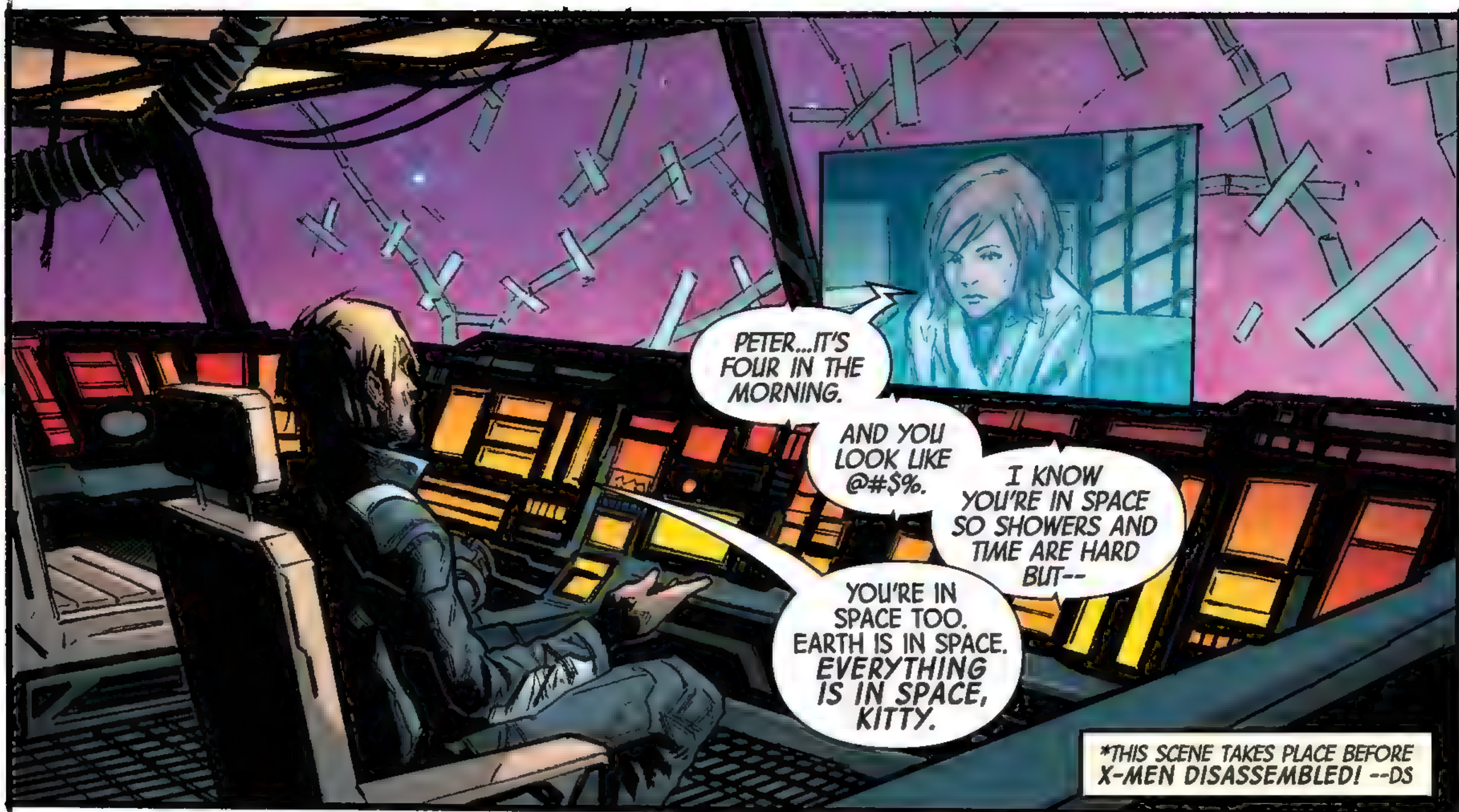


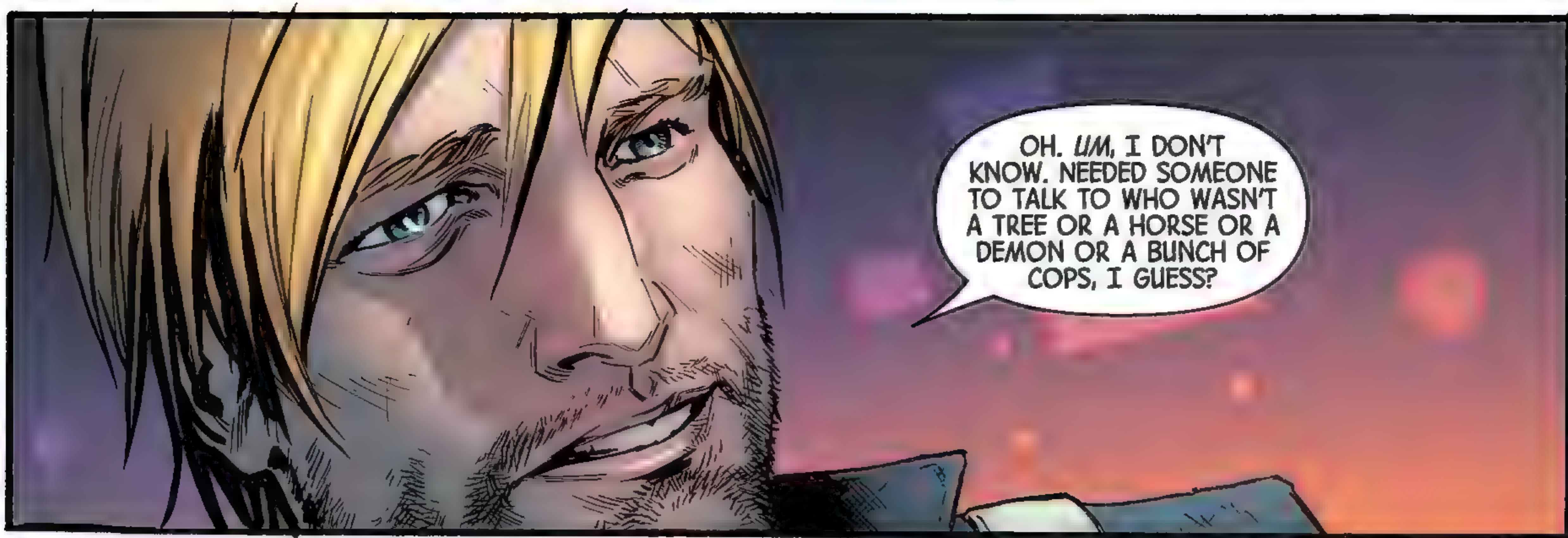
...NOT EVEN
HELA.

GODDESS
OF DEATH.









OH. UM, I DON'T KNOW. NEEDED SOMEONE TO TALK TO WHO WASN'T A TREE OR A HORSE OR A DEMON OR A BUNCH OF COPS, I GUESS?



NO, I MEAN WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME AND NOT HER?

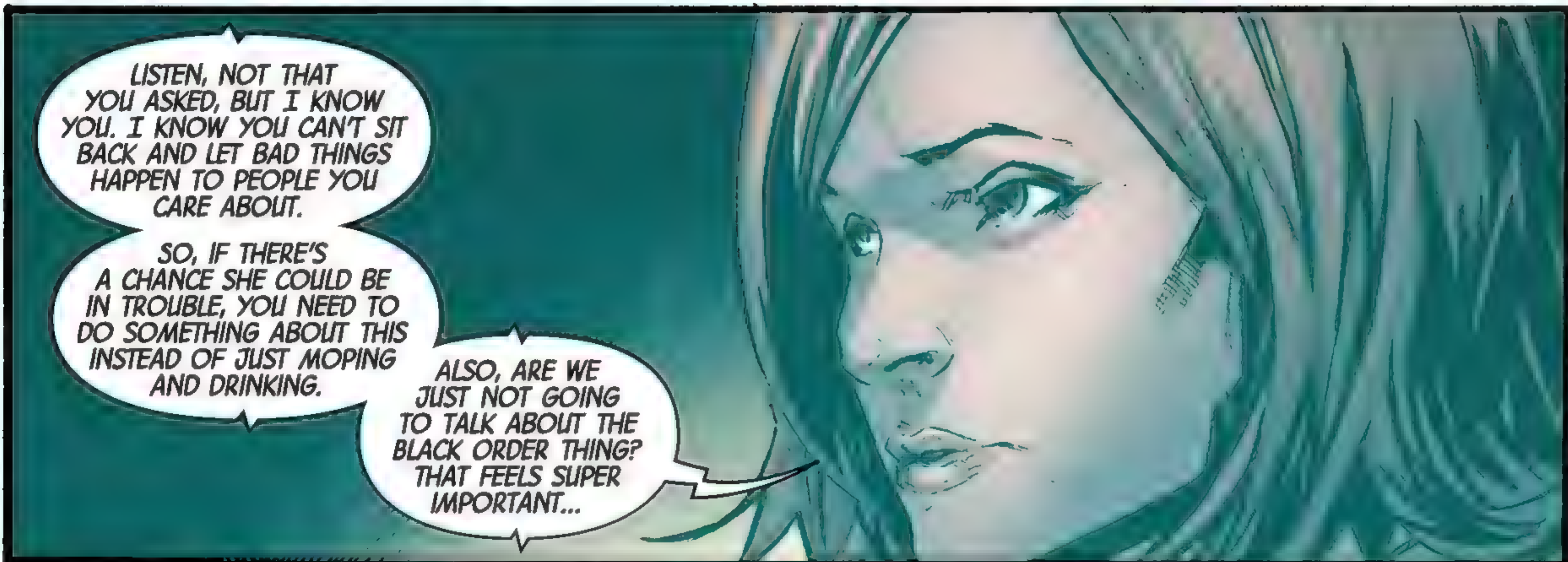


WHAT HER?

DON'T DO THAT.

WHAT? SHE KILLED ME, KITTY. YOU DON'T JUST GET OVER BEING DEAD.

GOD, YOU WOULD HATE THE X-MEN.



LISTEN, NOT THAT YOU ASKED, BUT I KNOW YOU. I KNOW YOU CAN'T SIT BACK AND LET BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO PEOPLE YOU CARE ABOUT.

SO, IF THERE'S A CHANCE SHE COULD BE IN TROUBLE, YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS INSTEAD OF JUST MOPING AND DRINKING.

ALSO, ARE WE JUST NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE BLACK ORDER THING? THAT FEELS SUPER IMPORTANT...



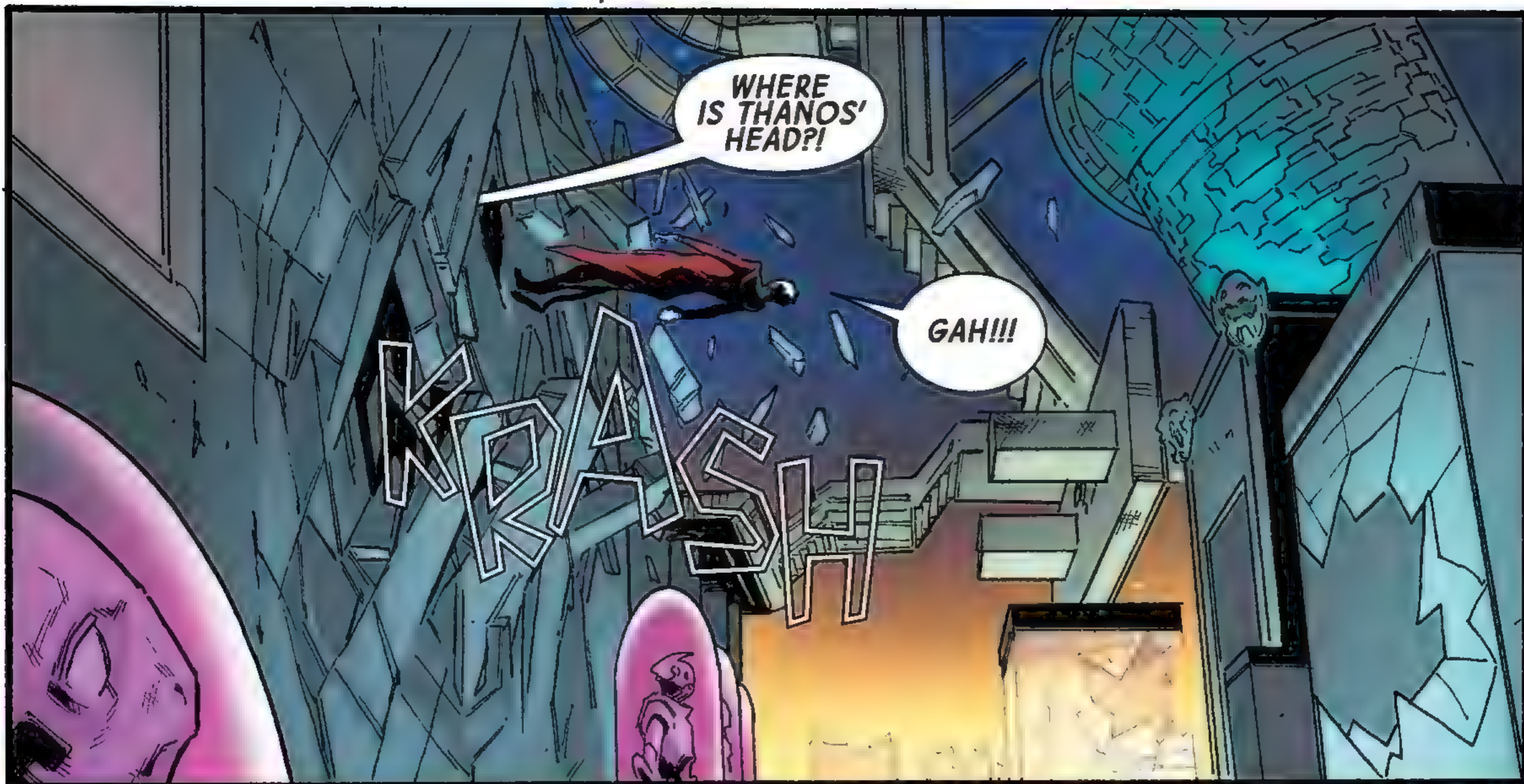
I MEAN, WHAT THE HELL? WHERE DID THEY TAKE THANOS' BODY? AND WHY DID THEY TAKE HIS BODY?!



MEH.

I DUNNO.

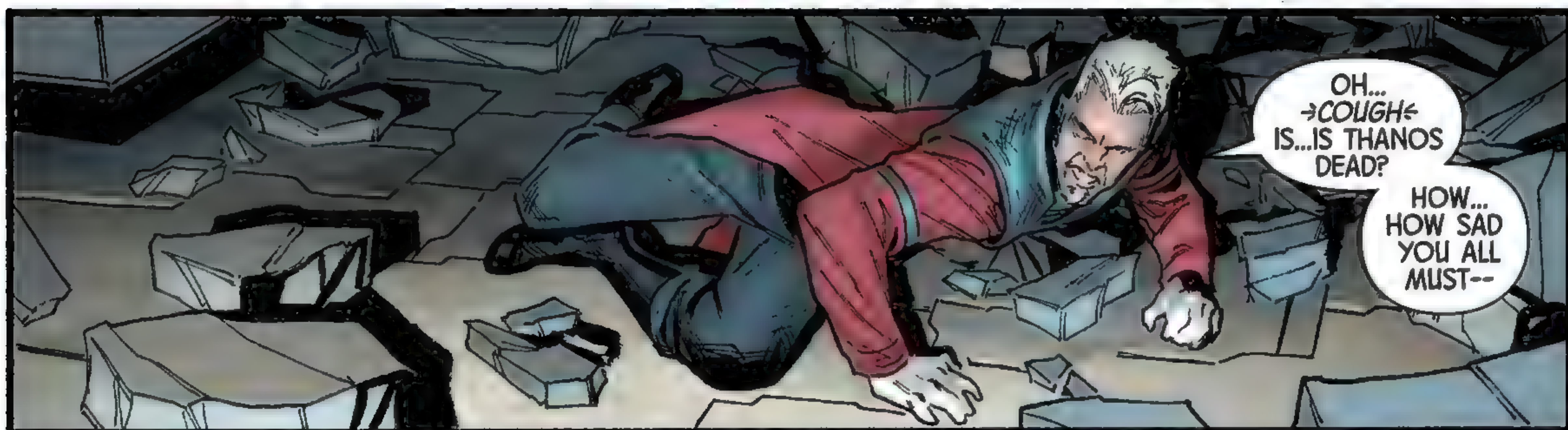
BUNCHA CREEPS. I'M SURE IT'S FINE.



WHERE IS THANOS' HEAD?!

GAH!!!

KRASH



OH...
→COUGH←
IS...IS THANOS DEAD?

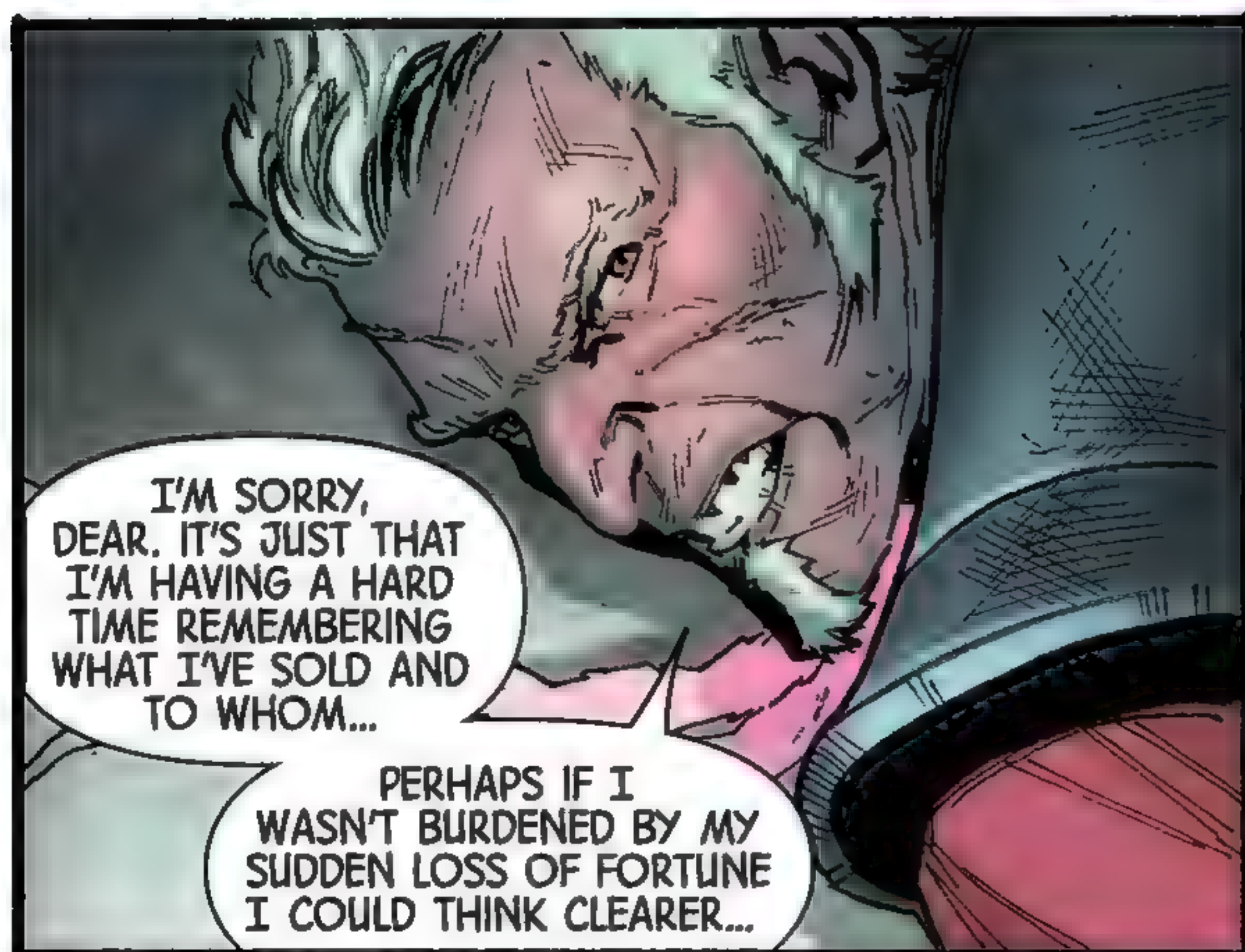
HOW...
HOW SAD YOU ALL MUST--



ENOUGH, COLLECTOR.

KRAK

AH!



I'M SORRY, DEAR. IT'S JUST THAT I'M HAVING A HARD TIME REMEMBERING WHAT I'VE SOLD AND TO WHOM...

PERHAPS IF I WASN'T BURDENED BY MY SUDDEN LOSS OF FORTUNE I COULD THINK CLEARER...



SO. A TRADE THEN. VERY WELL...



...LET'S
MAKE A DEAL,
TIVAN.

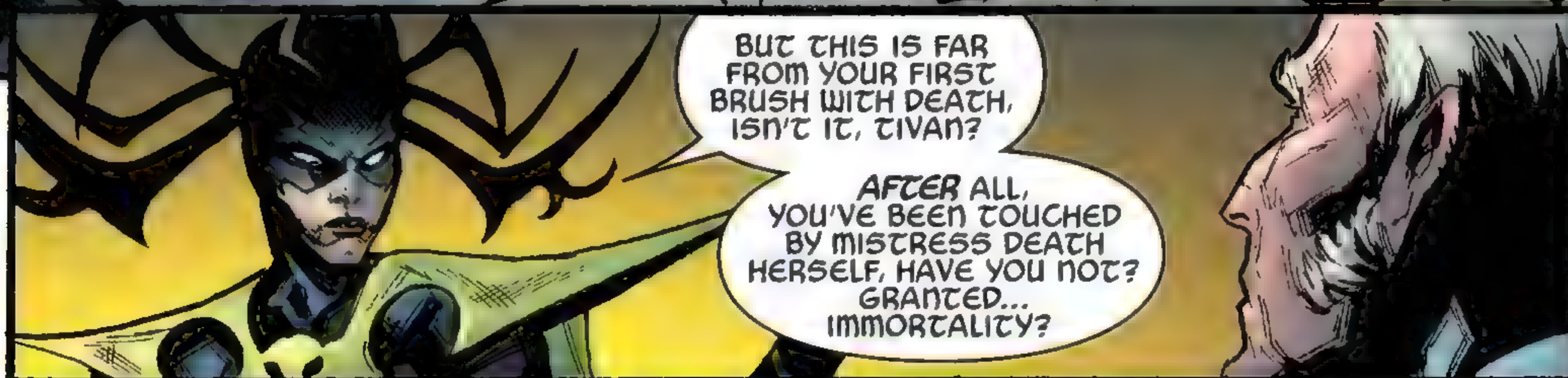
H-HELA?

I HEARD YOU
RECENTLY REGAINED
CONTROL OF HEL.*
CONGRATULATIONS.

I SEE YOU
ARE STILL QUITE
HUNG UP ON YOUR
OLD FLINGS. PERHAPS
IT'S TIME TO MOVE
ON FROM--

YOU SPEAK
LIKE SOMEONE
WITH A DEATH
WISH...

*SEE THOR (2018) #4! --DS



BUT THIS IS FAR
FROM YOUR FIRST
BRUSH WITH DEATH,
ISN'T IT, TIVAN?

AFTER ALL,
YOU'VE BEEN TOUCHED
BY MISTRESS DEATH
HERSELF, HAVE YOU NOT?
GRANTED...
IMMORTALITY?



YOU BOYS AND YOUR
ALLEGIANCE TO THAT
PATHETIC WOMAN. I
WILL NEVER
UNDERSTAND IT.

NEVERTHELESS,
HERE IS MY
OFFER TO YOU...



YOU TELL
ME WHERE
THANOS'
HEAD IS.

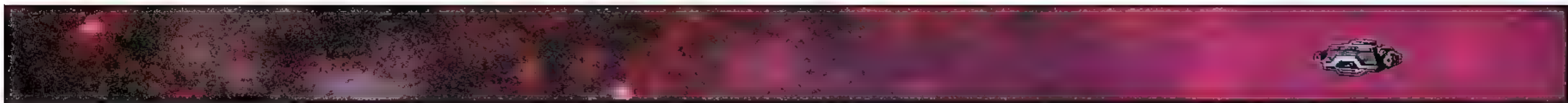
AND I
DON'T SHOW
YOU HOW EASY
IT IS TO BREAK
DEATH'S
DEALS...



RIGHT,
THEN.

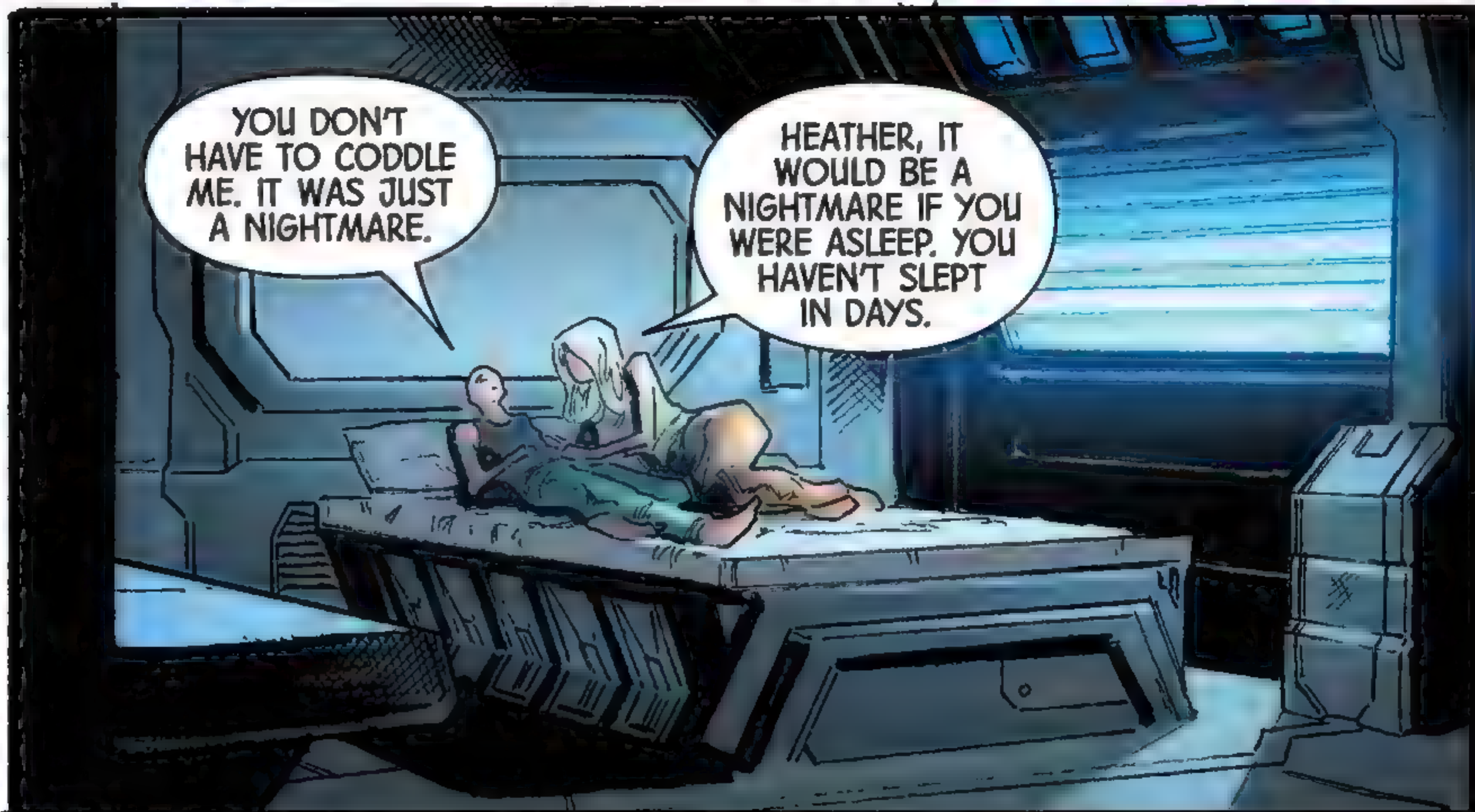


THE GOOD
NEWS IS, I HEAR
THE **NEGATIVE**
ZONE IS QUITE
LOVELY THIS TIME
OF YEAR...



SHHH...

IT'S
OKAY. I'M
HERE. YOU'RE
SAFE.



YOU DON'T
HAVE TO CODDLE
ME. IT WAS JUST
A NIGHTMARE.

HEATHER, IT
WOULD BE A
NIGHTMARE IF YOU
WERE ASLEEP. YOU
HAVEN'T SLEPT
IN DAYS.



I JUST...
WE FELL INTO
A BLACK HOLE,
VELL.

BUT...
THEY DIDN'T.

AND
WE GOT
OUT.



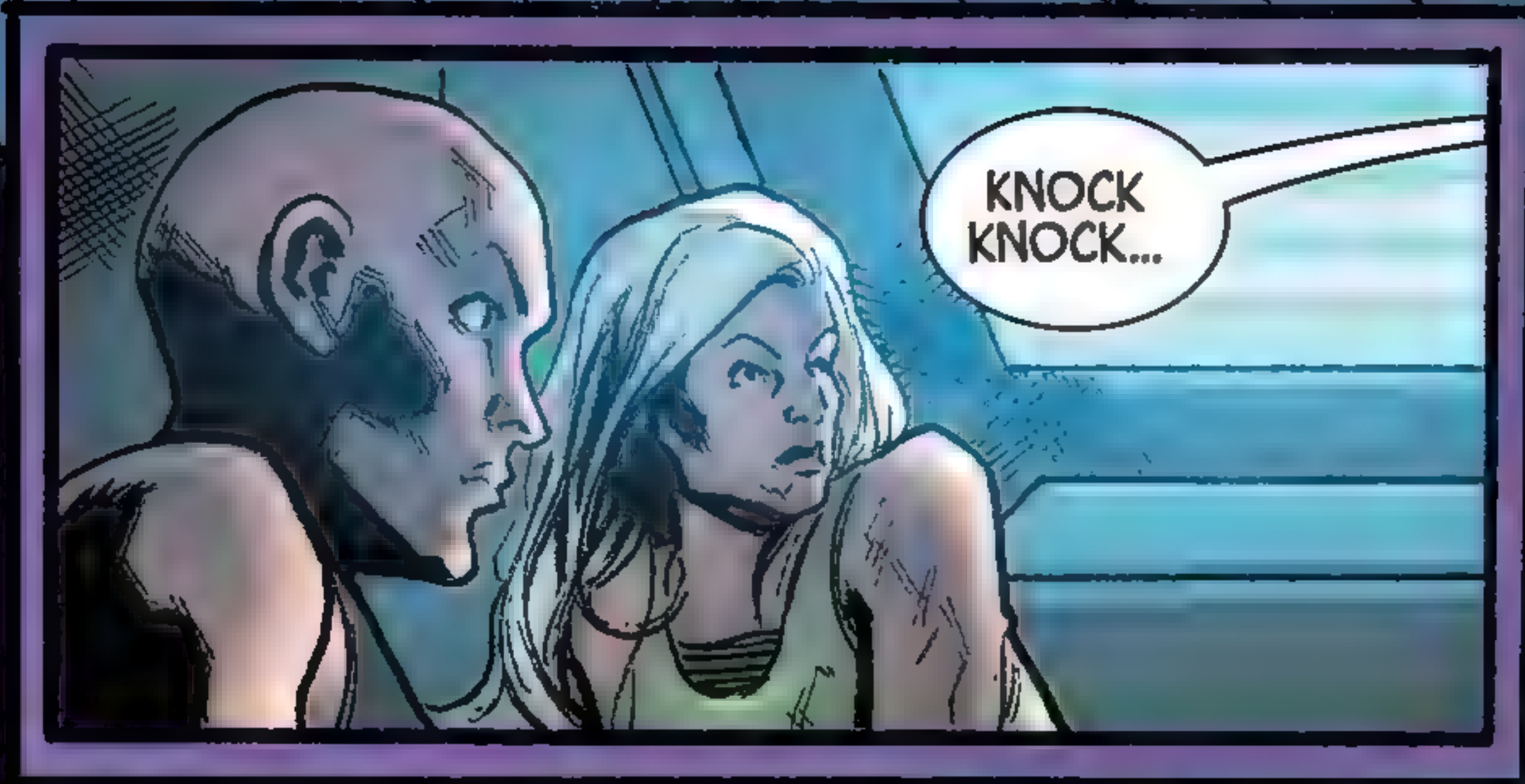
BUT
WE DID.



...
HAVE I
TOLD YOU
THAT I--



I LOVE
YOU TOO.



KNOCK
KNOCK...



HEY, I'M
SORRY. I DON'T
MEAN TO BOTHER
YOU.

JUST WANTED
TO STOP BY AND
MAKE SURE YOU GUYS
HAVE EVERYTHING
YOU NEED.



I BROUGHT
SOME...STUFF OVER. I
DON'T KNOW. WE DON'T
HAVE MUCH IN THE WAY
OF NICE STUFF, BUT I
FIGURED YOU GUYS WOULD
WANT SOMETHING TO
CHANGE INTO AT
LEAST...

IT'S MOSTLY
GAMORA'S AND
DRAX'S STUFF. SO I
DON'T KNOW SIZES
OR THAT KINDA
THING.

ANYWAY,
SORRY TO
BUG YOU. HAVE
A GOOD--

PETER...



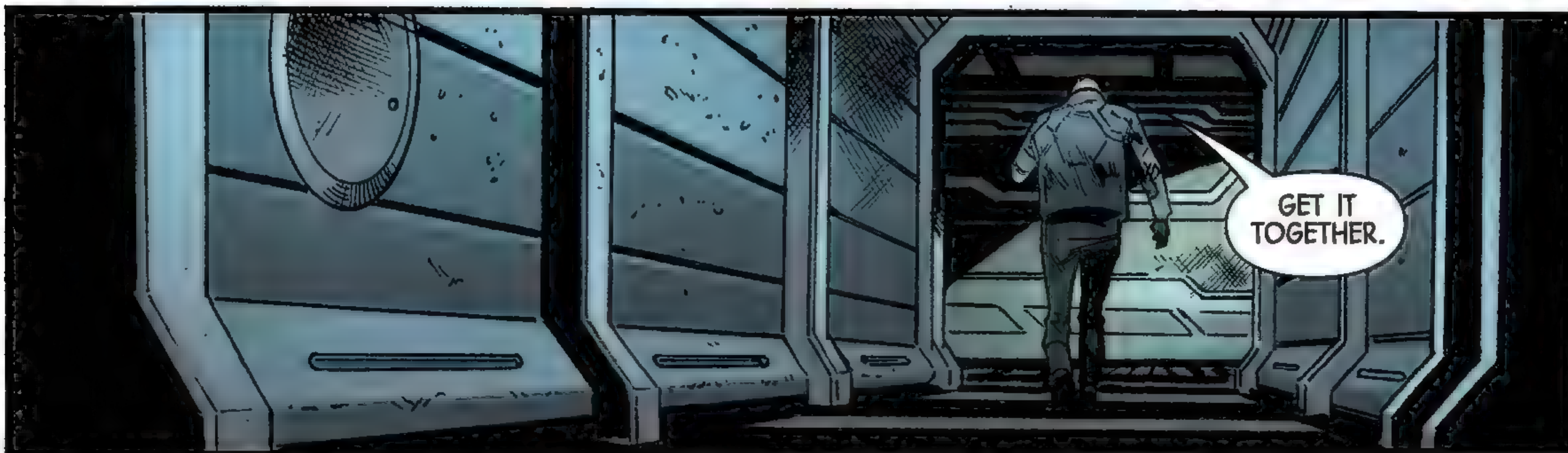
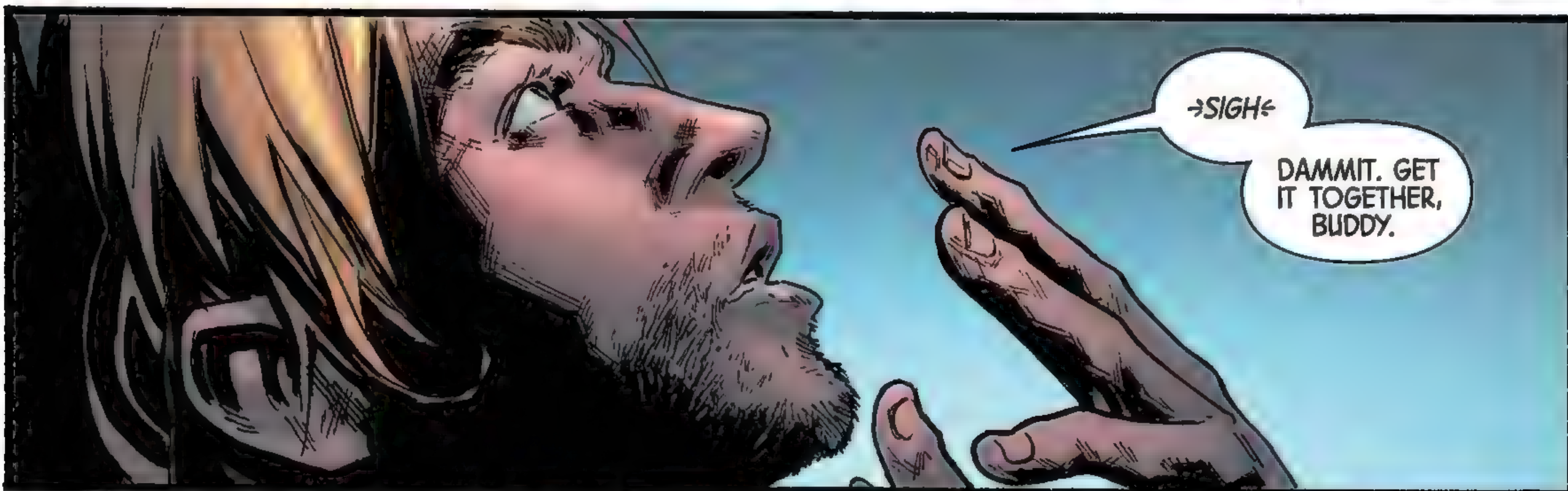
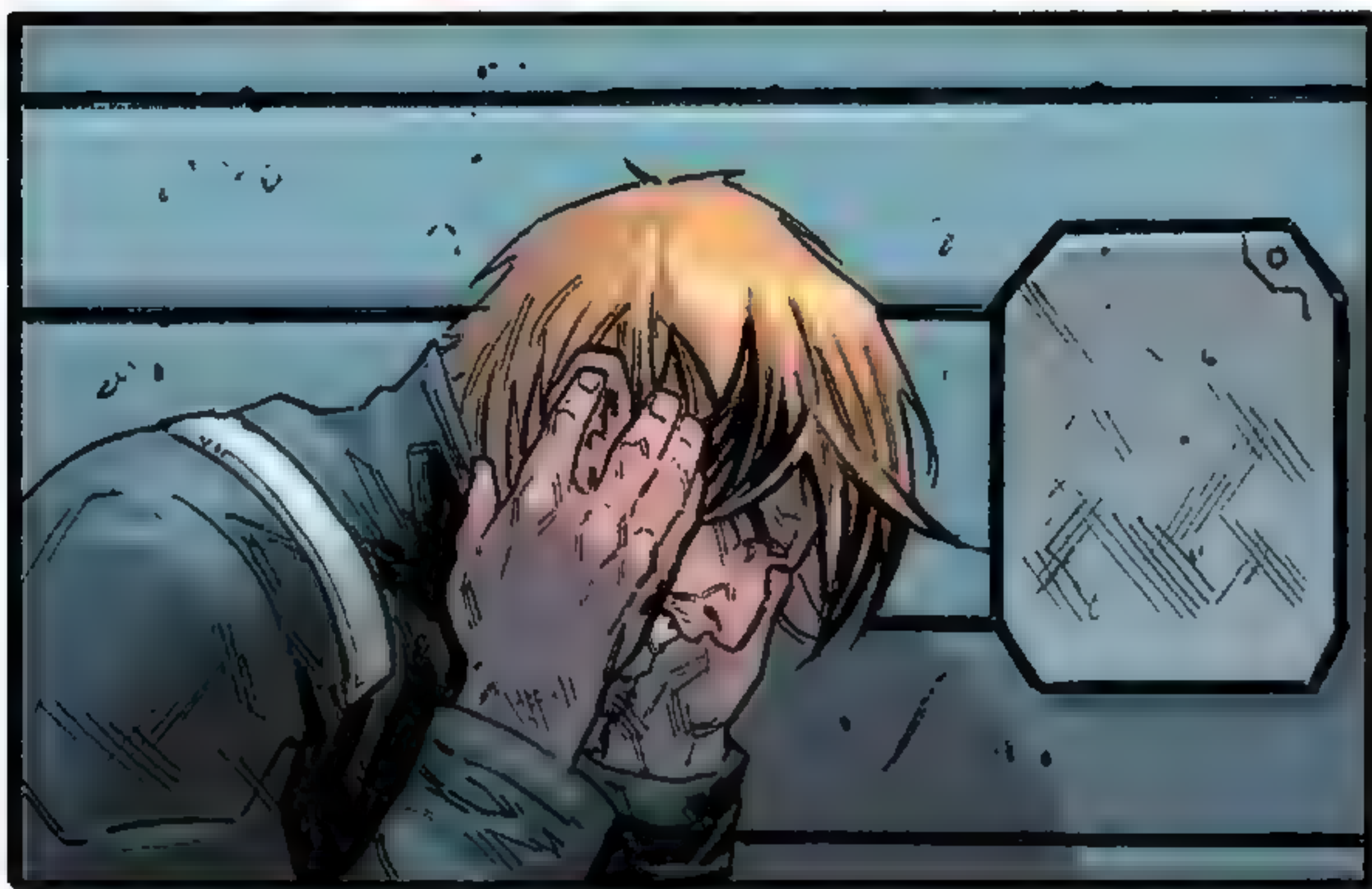
ARE YOU
OKAY? YOU
LOOK LIKE
@#!\$.



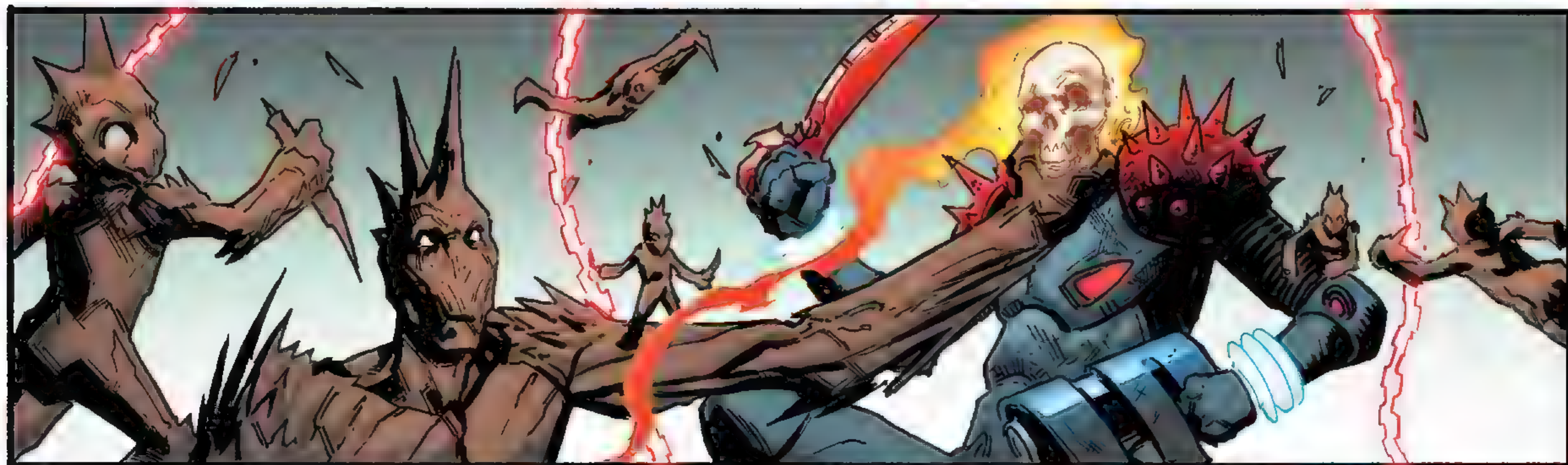
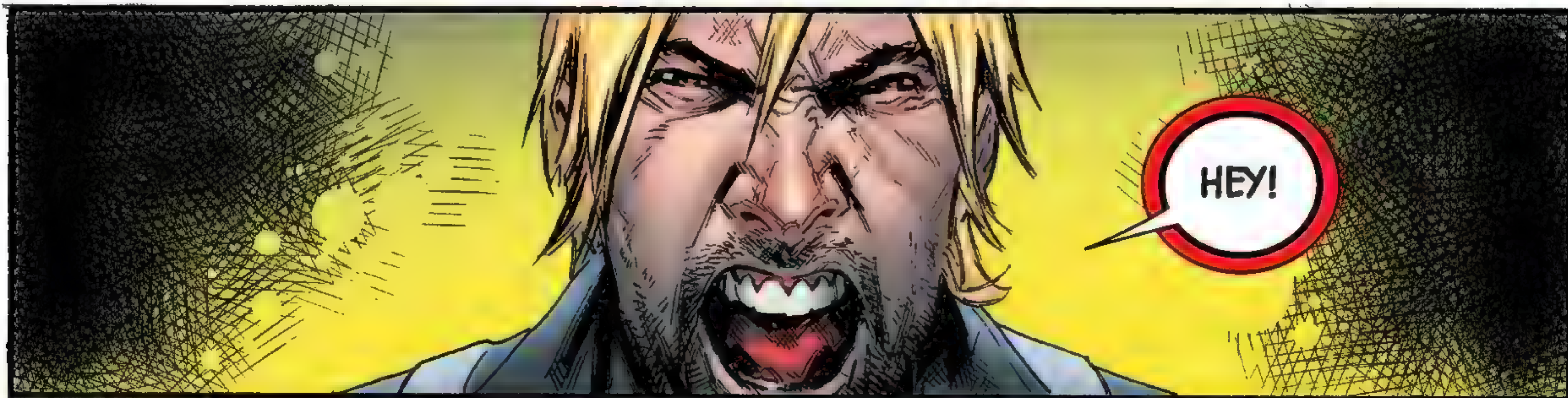
YEAH.



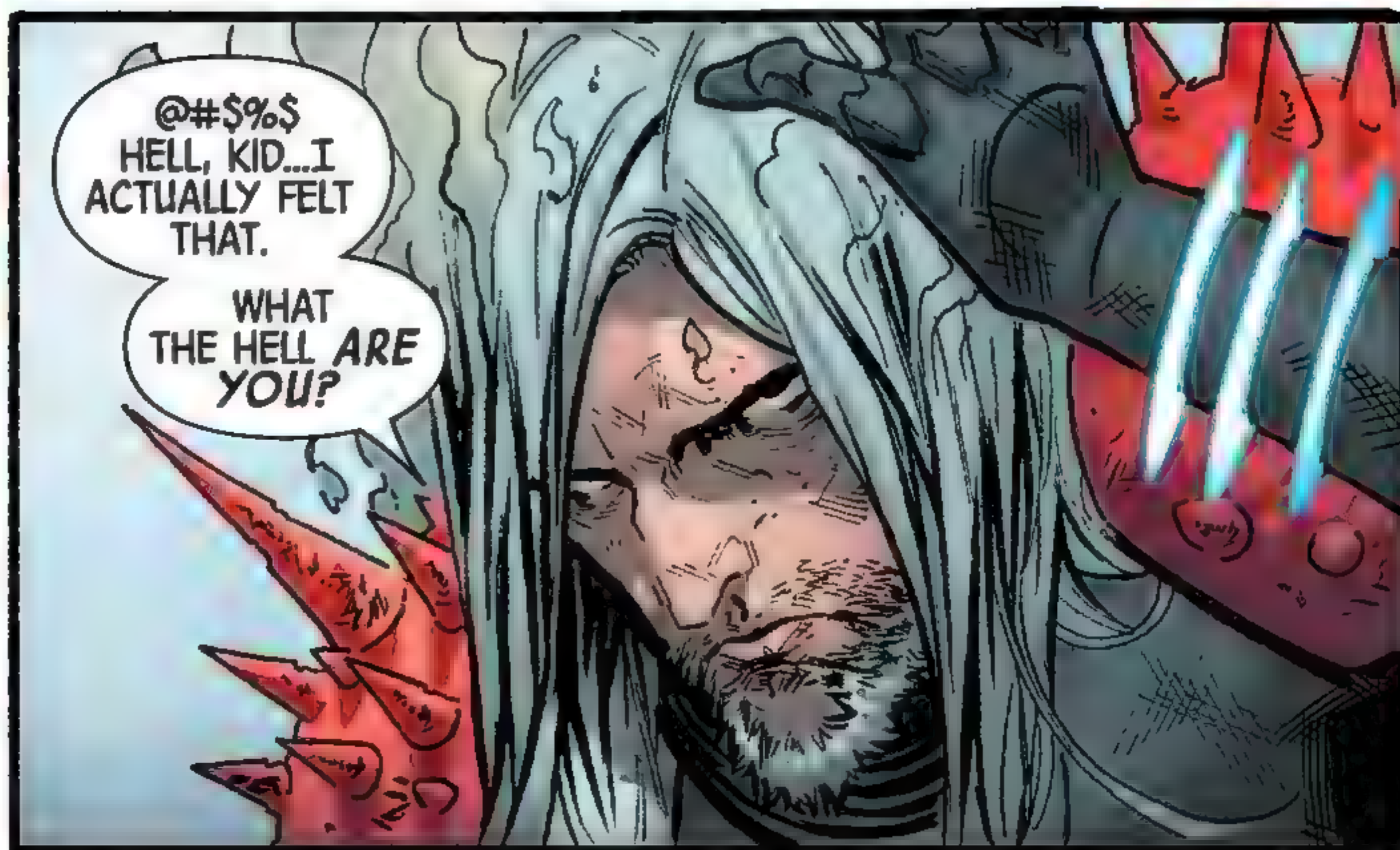
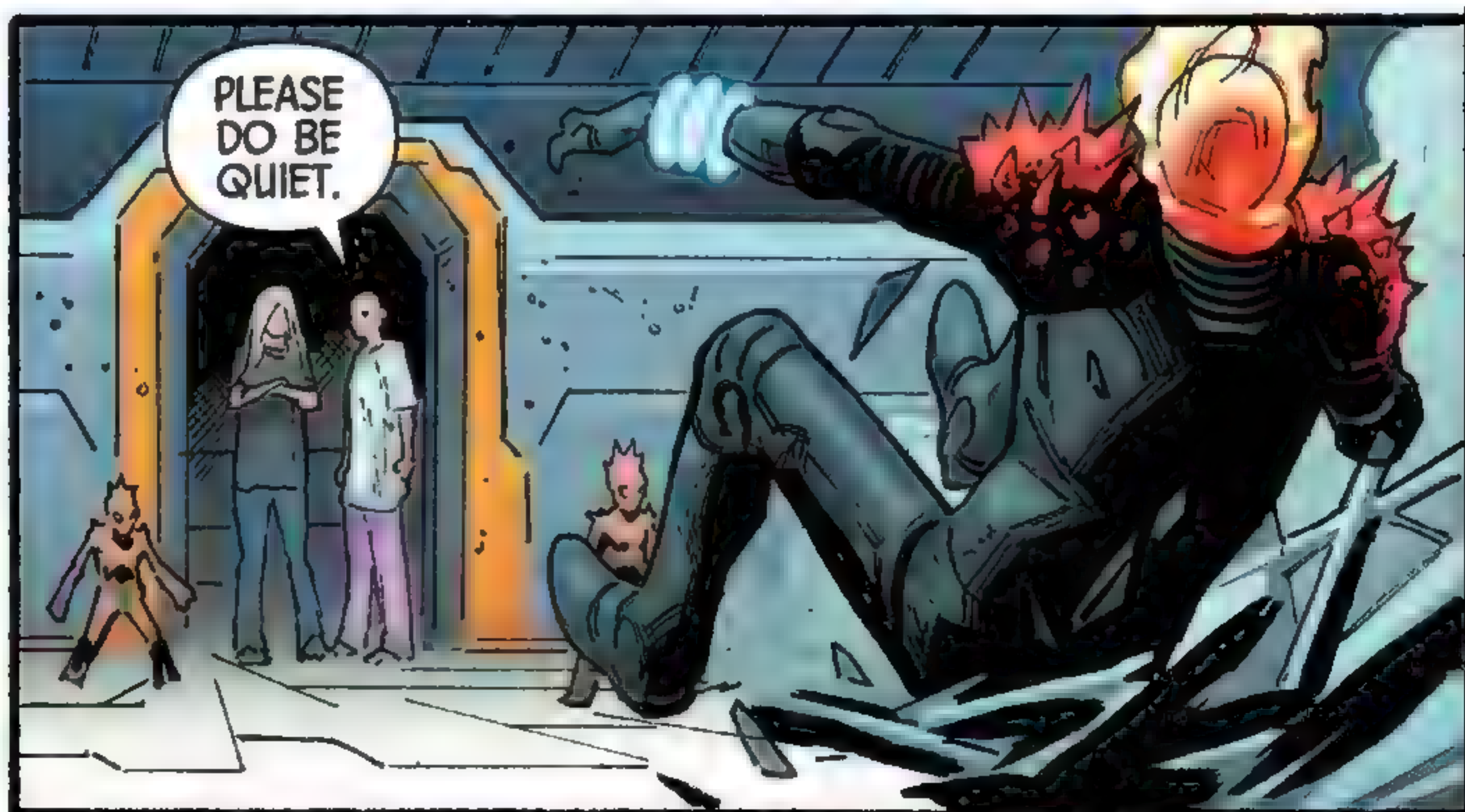
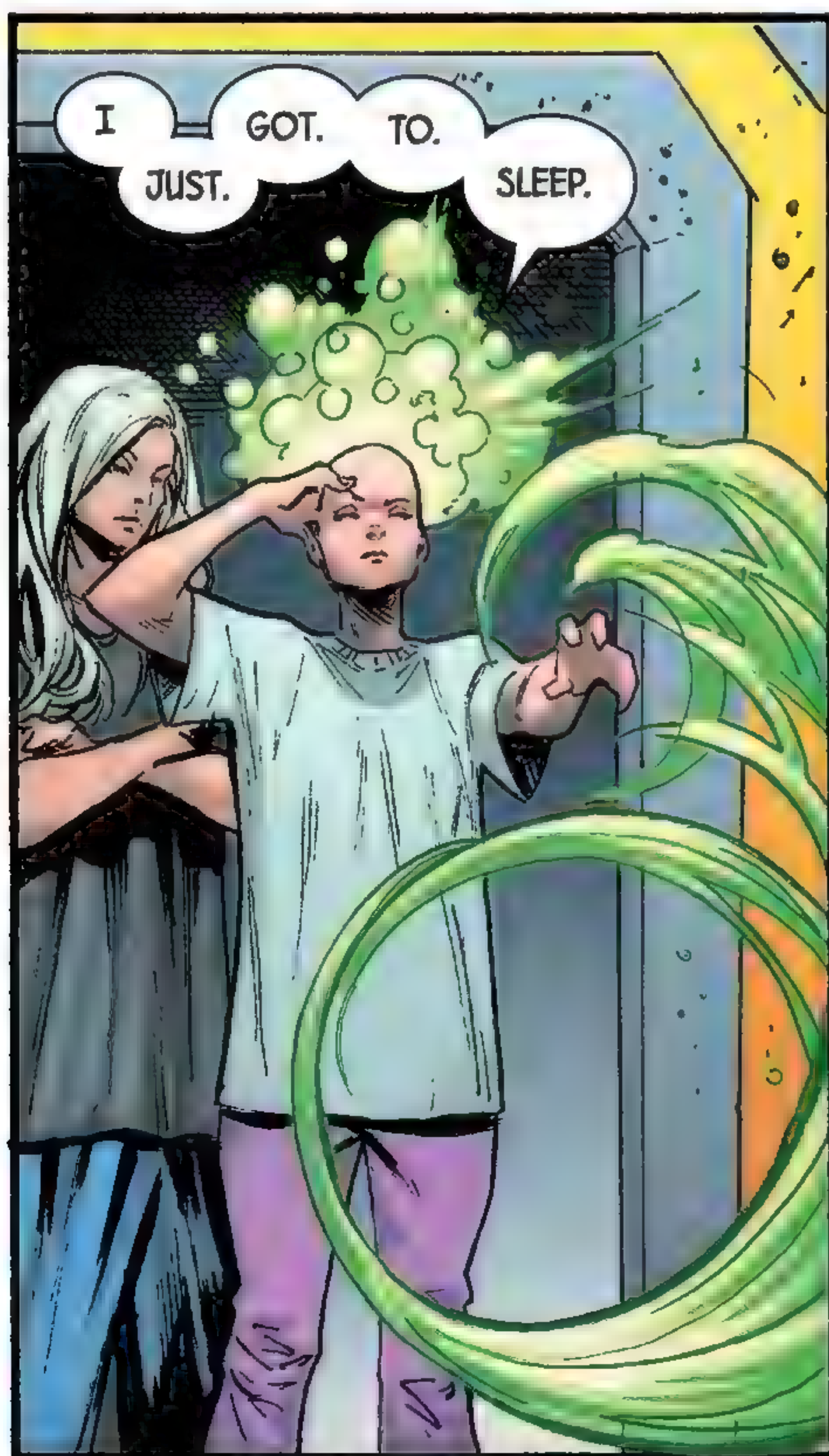
YEAH, I'M
GOOD. NIGHT,
YOU GUYS.















JUST FOR THE FLARKIN' LOVE OF GOD, PLEASE DO WHATEVER YOU'RE GOING TO DO QUIETLY.



ALL RIGHT THEN, LOSERS. YOU HEARD THE MAN. I'M OUT.

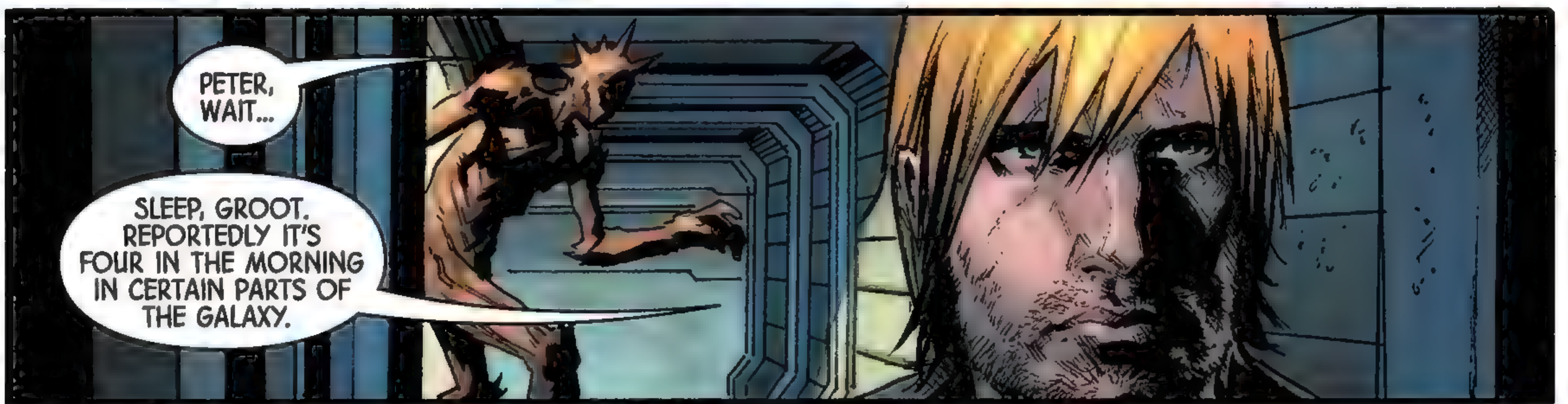
PRAY WE DO NOT MEET AGAIN ON THE BATTLEFIELD. I ASSURE YOU, BETA RAY BILL IS NOT AS EASILY QUELLED AS--

BLAH BLAH BLAH. GO POLISH YOUR HAMMER, DONKEY.



MMMM...

UNTIL THEN, HERALD.



PETER, WAIT...

SLEEP, GROOT. REPORTEDLY IT'S FOUR IN THE MORNING IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE GALAXY.



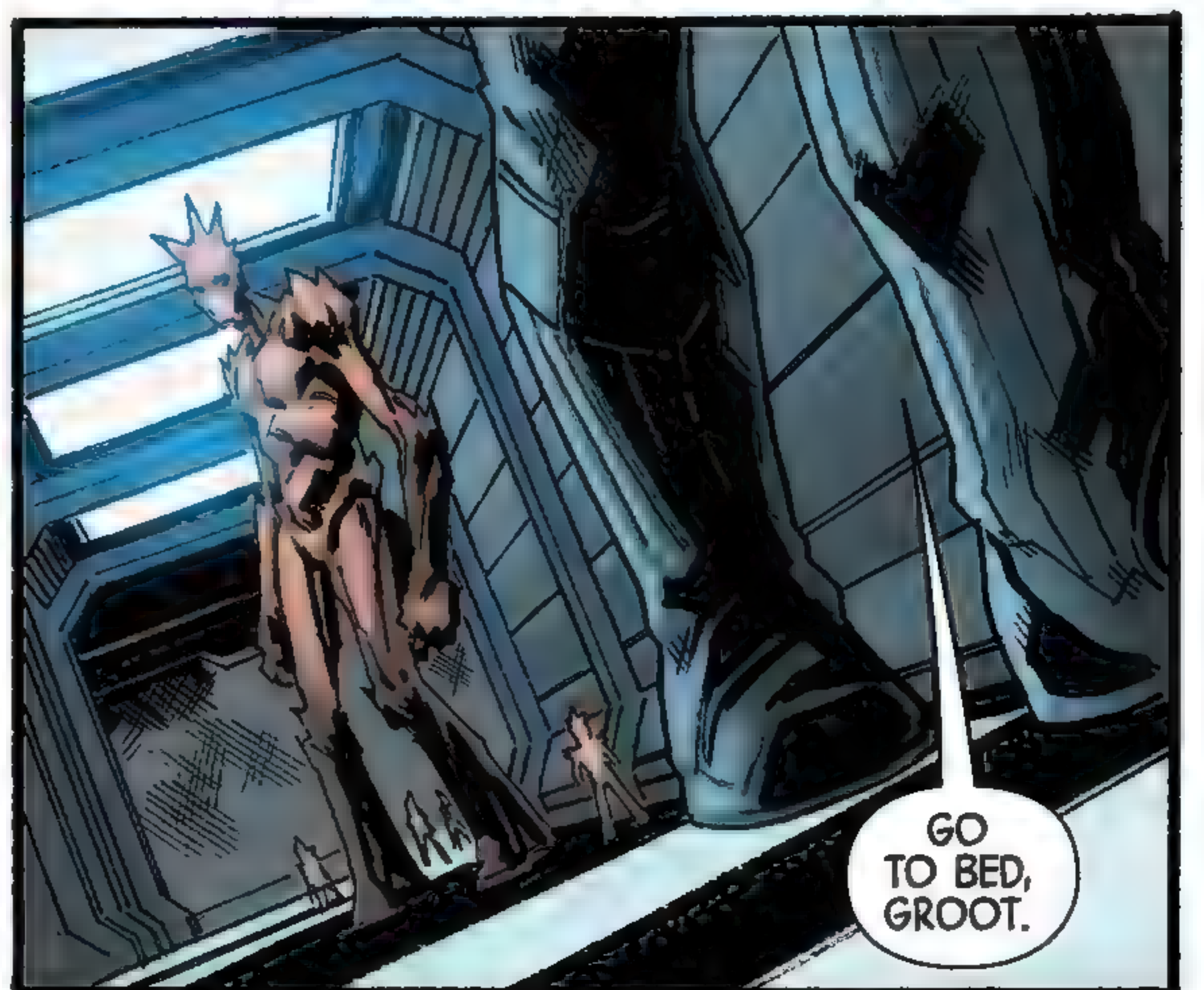
THE DEMON IS GOING TO GO AFTER HER. HE'S GOING TO FIND HER AND HE'S GOING TO KILL HER FOR SOMETHING SHE HASN'T EVEN DONE.

HE'S NOT. YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THE COSMOS WHO KNOW WHERE SHE IS, AND NO ONE WOULD EVER LOOK FOR HER THERE.

BESIDES...

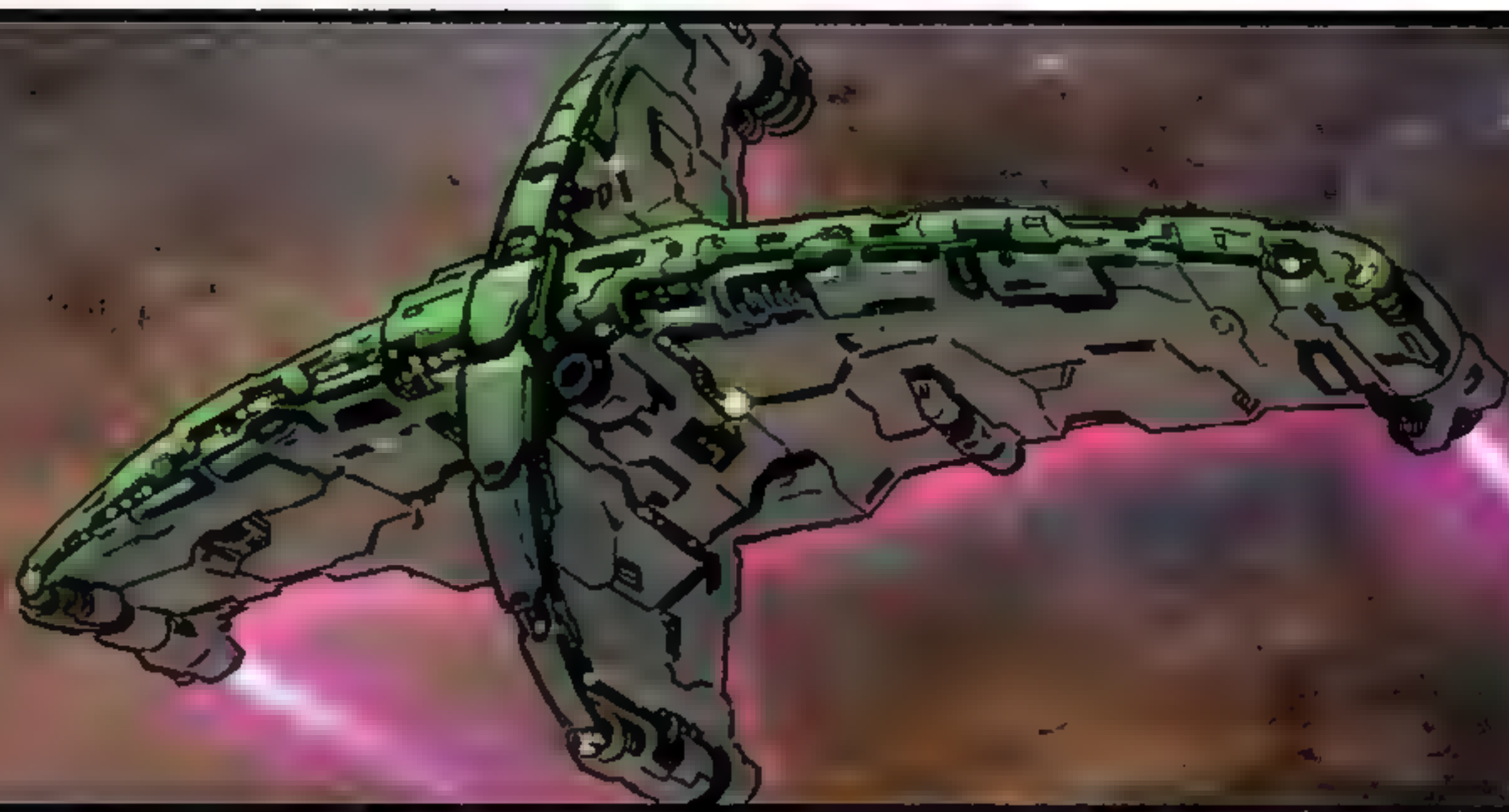


...YOU CAN'T KILL SOMEONE WHO'S ALREADY DEAD.



GO TO BED, GROOT.

LATER...
ROYAL SHI'AR DESTROYER.
PROTECTED TERRITORY.



IN THE FUTURE,
IF YOU ARE TO CALL
A MEETING ABOARD MY
SHIP, YOU WOULD DO
WELL TO ASK
PERMISSION.

MY PEOPLE
FISHED YOU FROM
THE ABYSS, BUT YOU
ARE NOT ABOVE
SHI'AR LAW AND
CUSTOM...

...NO
MATTER WHO
YOUR BROTHER
WAS, EROS.

MY APOLOGIES,
GLADIATOR. I AM
GRATEFUL FOR THE
RESCUE...

...SUCH
AS IT IS.

NOW, I
HAVE BROUGHT
YOU ALL HERE TO
CONTINUE OUR
MISSION.

THE MISSION
EXPANDS
BUT DOES NOT
CHANGE.

THANOS
WILL BE
RESURRECTED.

WE MUST
NOT ALLOW
THIS TO
HAPPEN.

THIS WILL
NOT BE EASY,
BUT WE WILL
SAVE THIS
UNIVERSE...









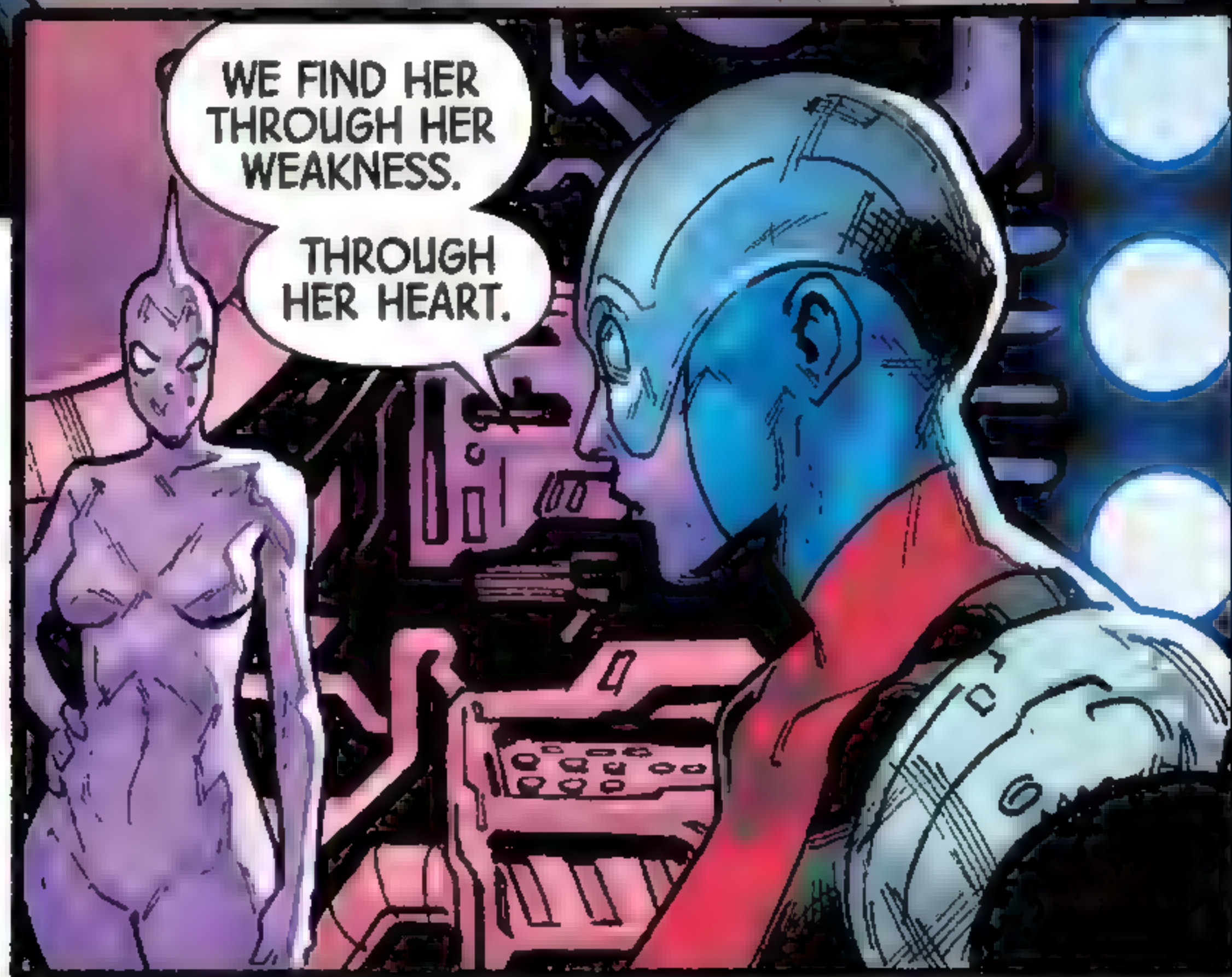
VERY WELL.

BUT THE QUESTION REMAINS...



...WHERE IS SHE?

NO ONE, NOT EVEN THE SEERS I HAVE PERSUADED, KNOW OF HER LOCATION.



WE FIND HER THROUGH HER WEAKNESS.

THROUGH HER HEART.



GO ON...

SHE'S SENTIMENTAL. SHE WOULD TELL HIM WHERE SHE WENT.

WHO?

THAT IDIOT BOY SHE LOVES. OR USED TO LOVE. WHATEVER. WE FIND HIM AND WE RIP IT OUT OF HIS BRAIN.



VERY WELL. LET US BEGIN.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND THIS BOY?



OH, THAT'S THE EASY PART.

HE CAN'T HELP BUT STAY IN THE THICK OF IT.

WHEREVER THERE'S TROUBLE...

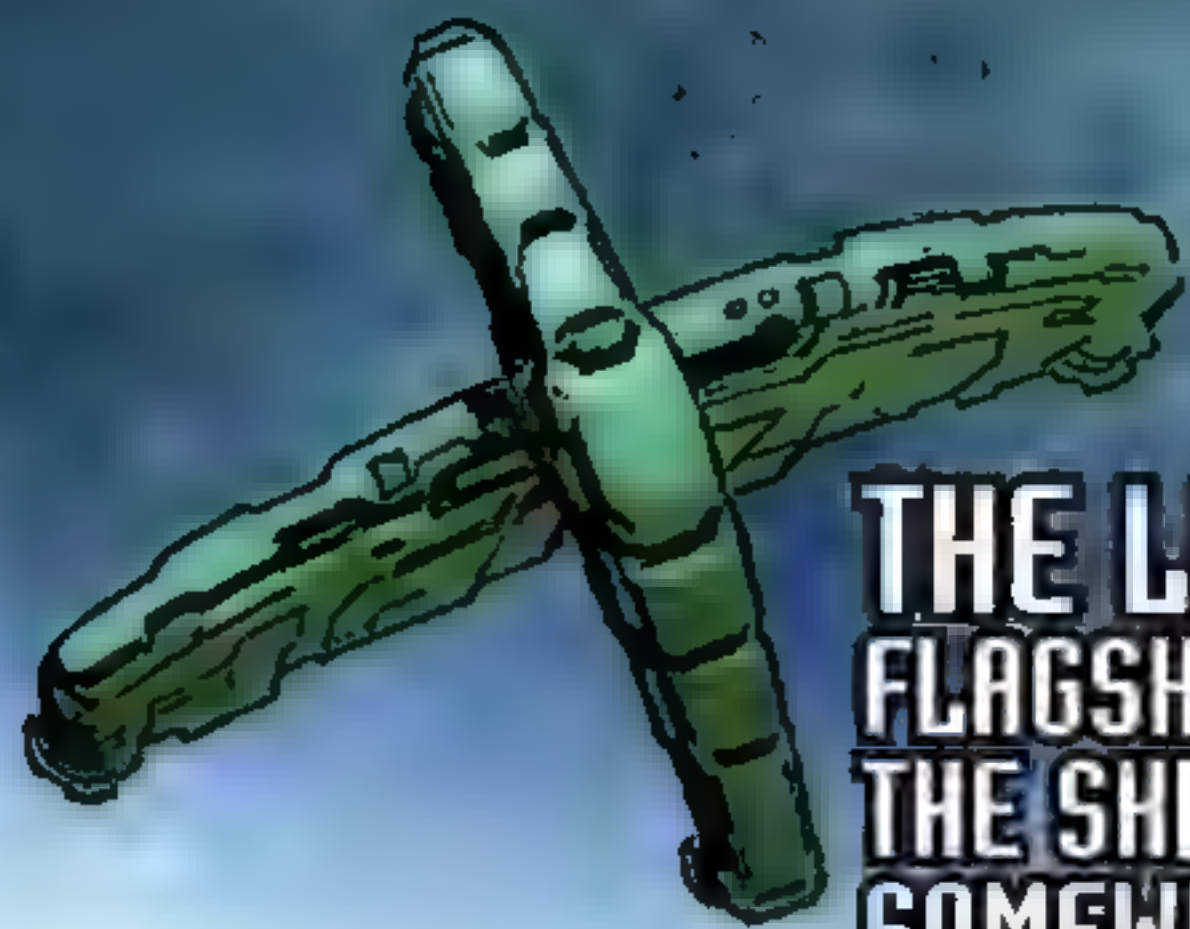
"...YOU'LL FIND
RICHARD RIDER.

"NOVA."



THREE





THE LILANDRA IV.
FLAGSHIP DESTROYER OF
THE SHI'AR ROYAL ARMADA.
SOMEWHERE IN THE BLACK...

YOU
KNOW, I
ALWAYS LOOKED
UP TO YOU,
THANOS.

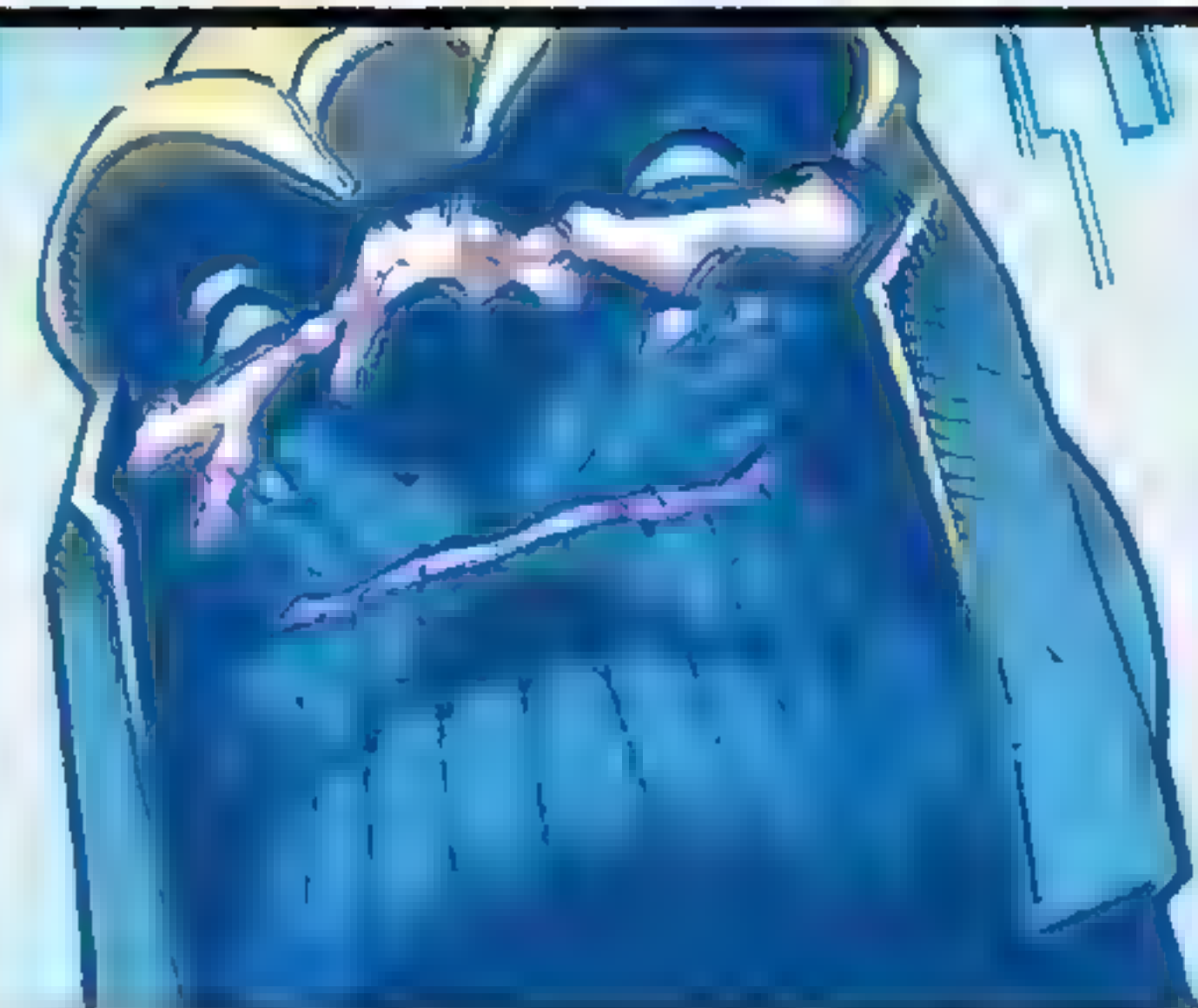


RIGHT.
WRONG.

IT NEVER
MATTERED...

YOU WERE
ALWAYS...
CERTAIN.

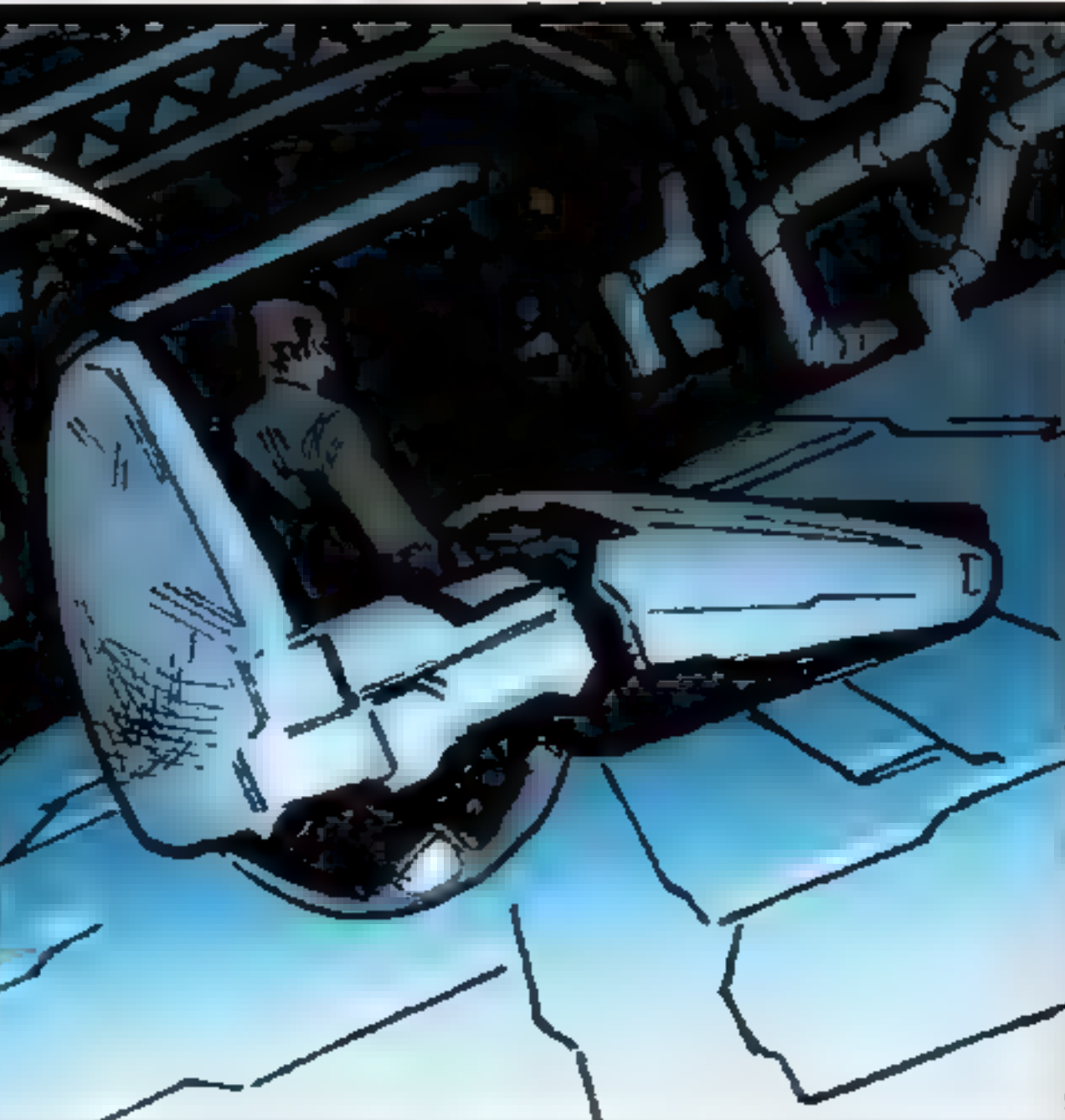
ALWAYS SO
SURE OF YOUR
PLACE IN THE
COSMOS.



AH, BUT YOU
HAD IT EASIER,
BIG BROTHER.
DIDN'T YOU?

BORN INTO
THIS WORLD
TO KILL IT.

AS DESTINIES
GO, YOURS WAS
RATHER DIRECT.



BUT
WHAT OF
ME?





"EROS,
THE LITTLE
TITAN."

THAT'S WHAT
THEY CALLED ME,
DID YOU KNOW
THAT?

(OF
COURSE
YOU DID.)



IT MUST
FILL YOU WITH
WHATEVER IT IS YOU
CALL DELIGHT TO KNOW
THAT OUR ENTIRE HOME
PLANET, TITAN, AND
EVERYONE ON IT
IS KNOWN...



...ONLY IN
RELATION TO
YOU.

I WAS
AN AVENGER
ONCE.

I WAS
A HERO.

AND
NOW--

GLADIATOR
TO EROS.
COME IN.



GO
AHEAD.

WE'VE FOUND
NOVA AND ARE
MOVING INTO
POSITION.

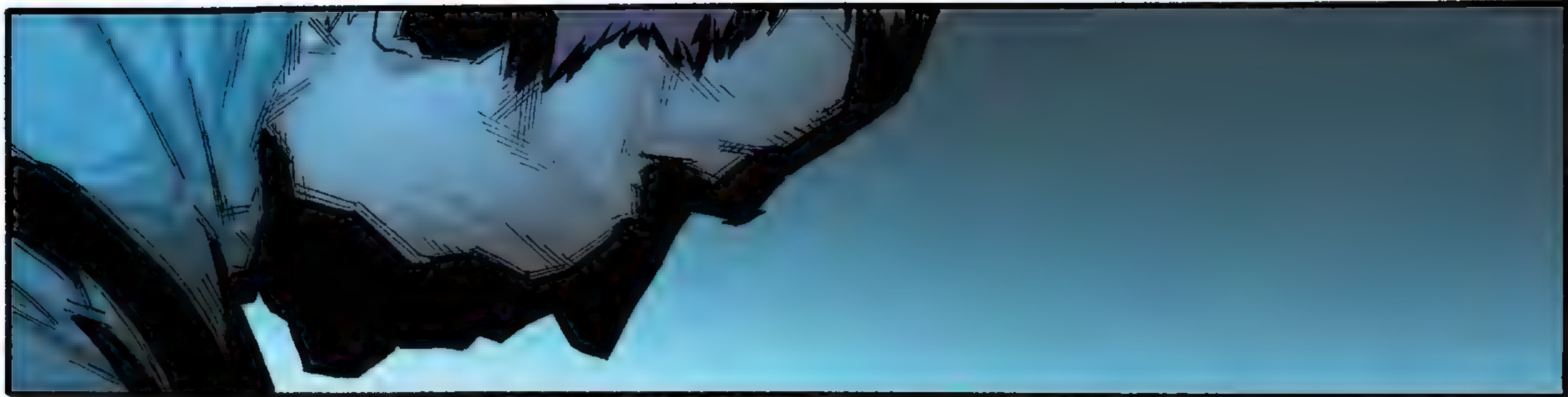
GOOD WORK.
NOTIFY ME WHEN
YOU HAVE HIM.

I'M THE EMPEROR
OF THE SHI'AR EMPIRE.
YOU'RE ON MY SHIP. I
DON'T WORK FOR
YOU.

(BUT YES, I
WILL NOTIFY
YOU.)

GLADIATOR
OUT.

VERY
WELL.



HAVE I
BECOME YOU,
BROTHER?

...IS
THAT MY
DESTINY?



I HOPE
YOU ARE
PLEASED.

I HOPE THIS
FINAL GAUNTLET
OF YOURS HAS
BROUGHT YOU
SOME PEACE.



BECAUSE
THE REST
OF US...

"...THE REST OF
US ARE IN HELL."

THE NEGATIVE ZONE.

ANNIHILUS.

LORD OF
THIS ANTIMATTER
UNDERVERSE.

FIRST-
BORN SON OF
OBLIVION.

"THE LIVING
DEATH THAT
WALKS."



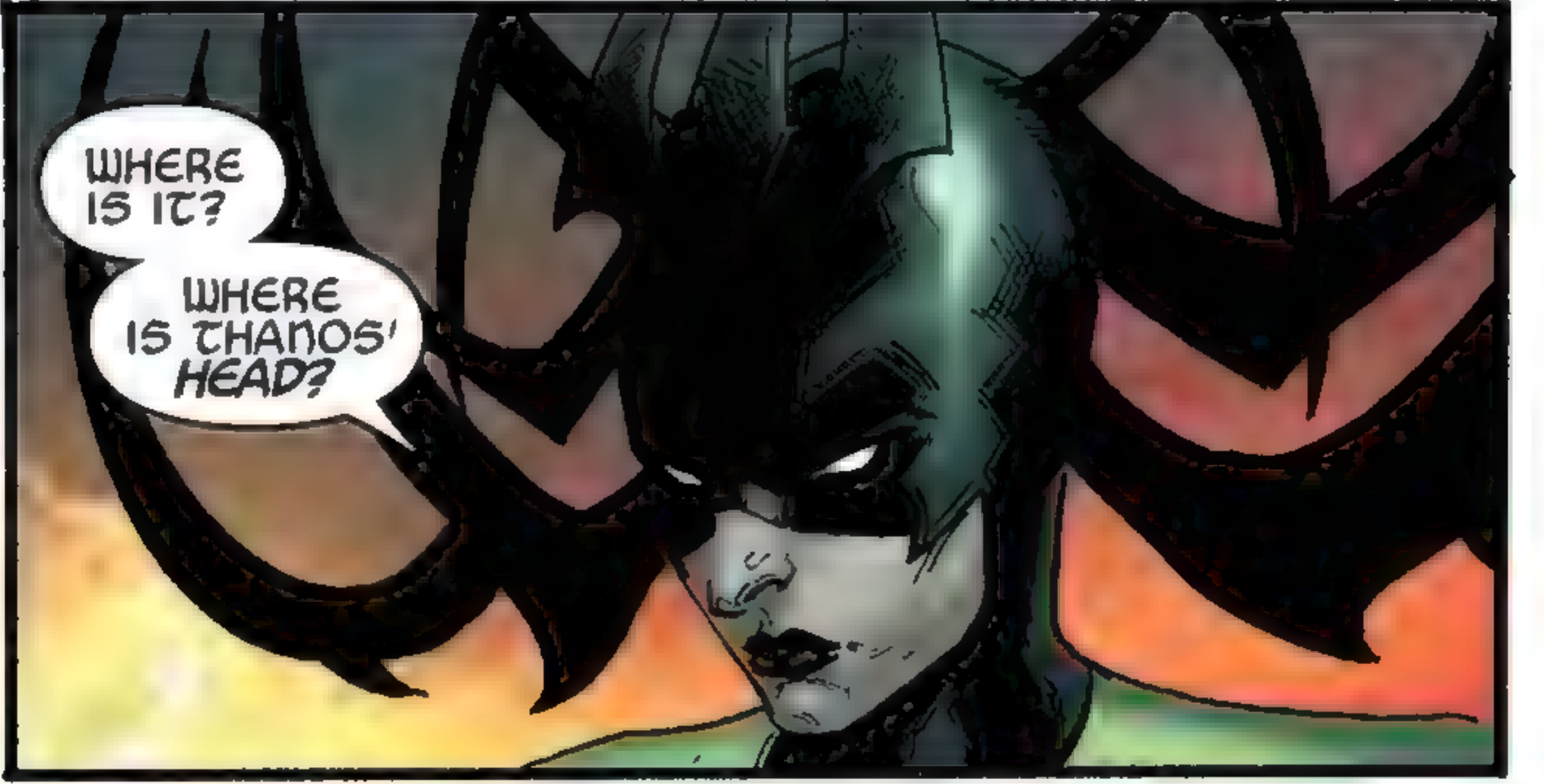


ADORABLE.



WELL,
YOU DO NOT
WANT THE RIGHT
FOUR-ARMED

OH, I
THINK YOU
KNOW WHAT
I WANT.



WHERE
IS IT?

WHERE
IS THANOS'
HEAD?



THANOS.

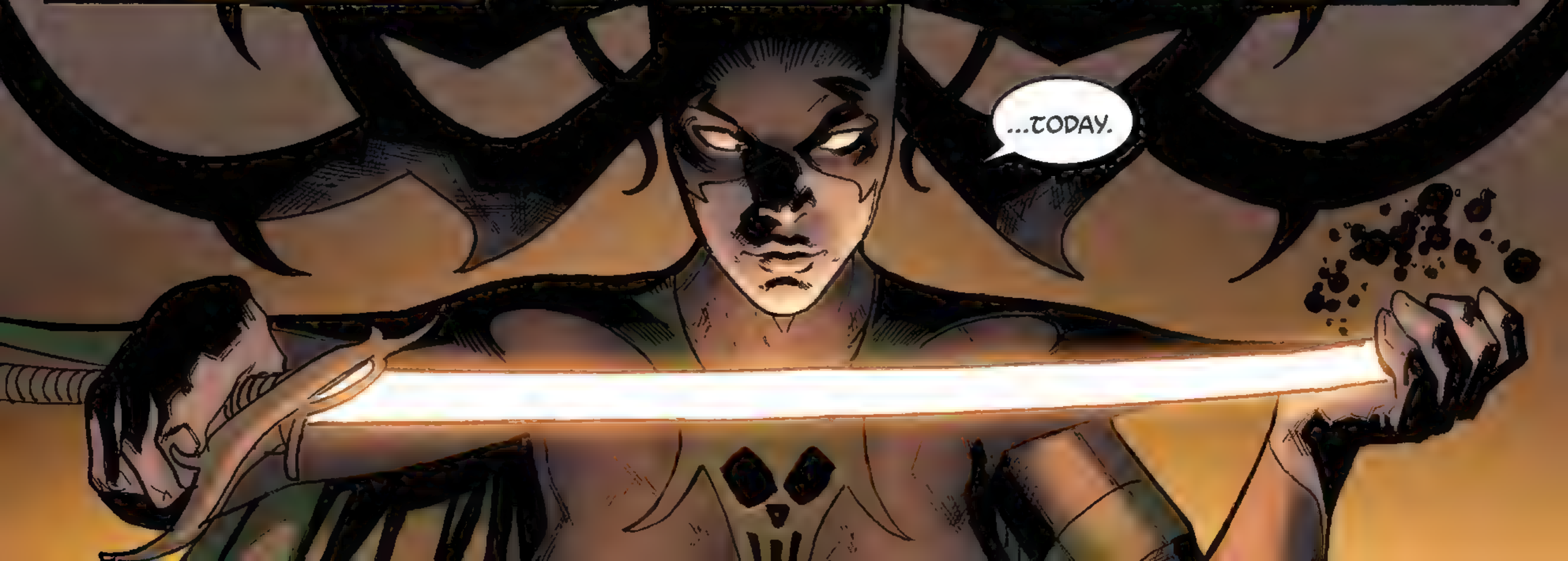
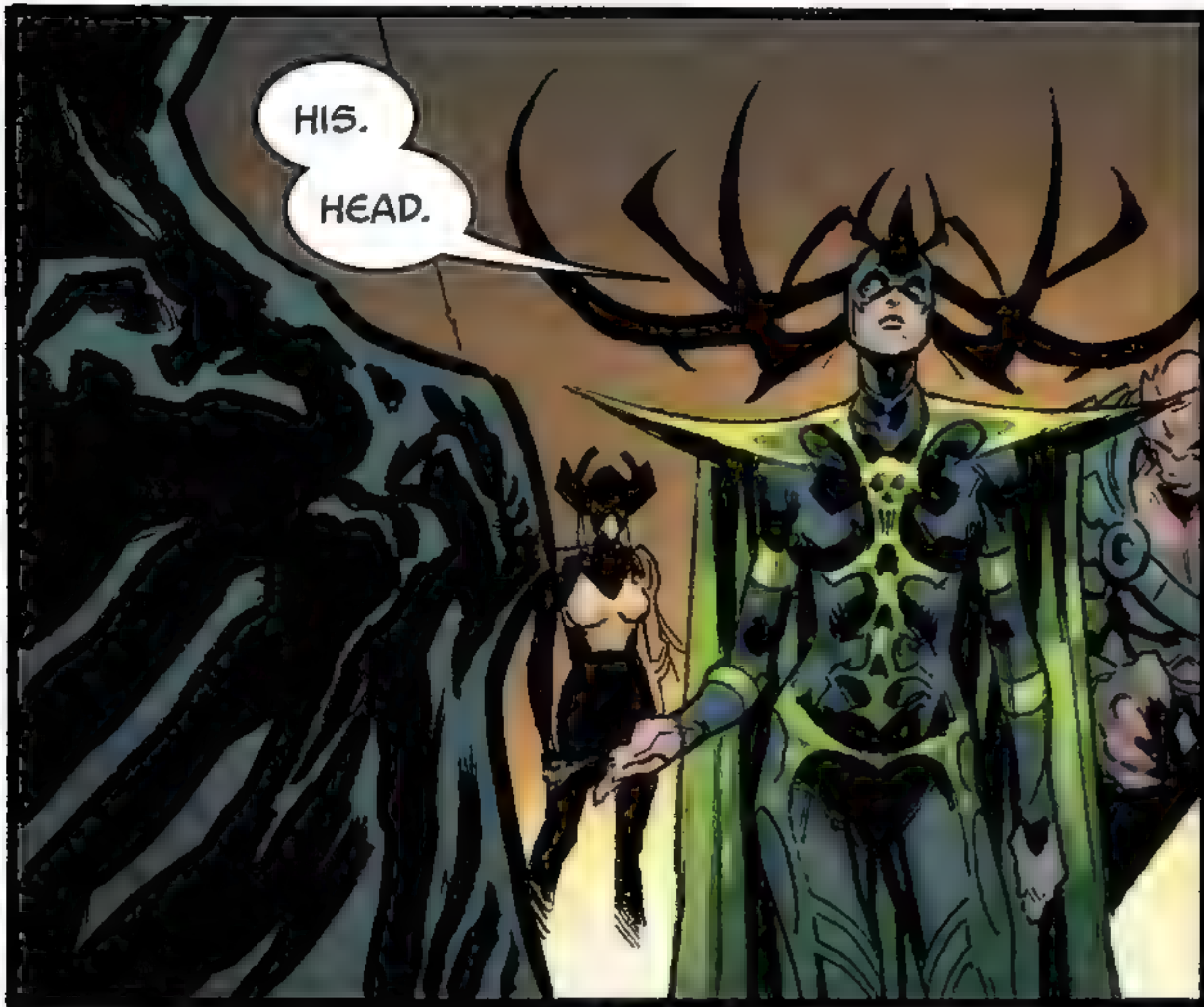
ARMED
MOUNTAIN. HE
WANTS A WORTHY
ADVERSARY.

I WILL
MAKE A
WORTHY FLY
FOR HIM. I
EXTINGUISH
IT.

THE BLACK
HOLE IN ITS PLACE
WILL STAND AS HIS
ETERNAL FLAME.



I'VE
DESIGNED
IT FOR





WOULD YOU
LIKE TO KNOW
HOW YOU DIE,
BUG?

ANNIHILUSSSS
WILL NEVER DIE!

EVERYTHING
DIES.

ESPECIALLY
YOU.

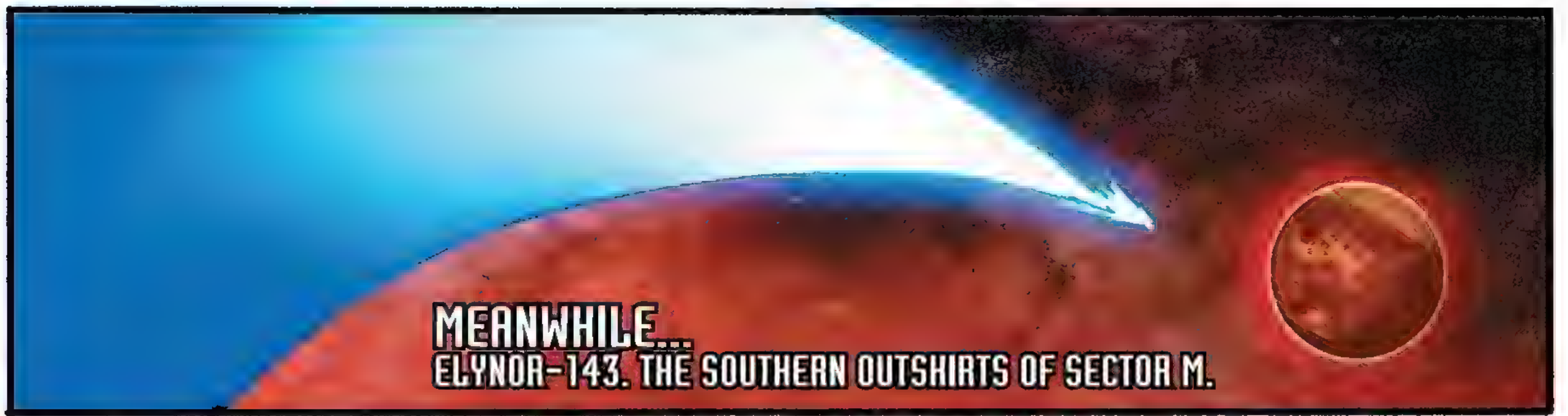
I KNOW
THE EXACT DATE
AND TIME OF YOUR
ONE TRUE FINAL
DEATH.

GAHH!!!

I KNOW
WHO KILLS YOU.
I KNOW HOW
THEY DO IT.

WORTH
IT!

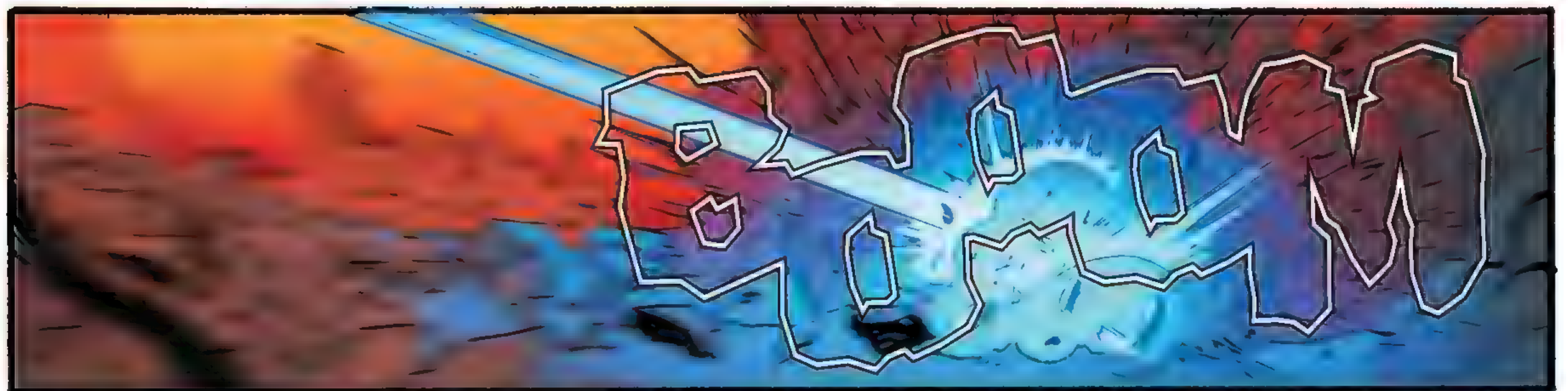




MEANWHILE...
ELYNOR-143. THE SOUTHERN OUTSHIRTS OF SECTOR M.



AHHHHHHHHH!!!



N-NO...

DON'T
COME ANY
CLOSER.



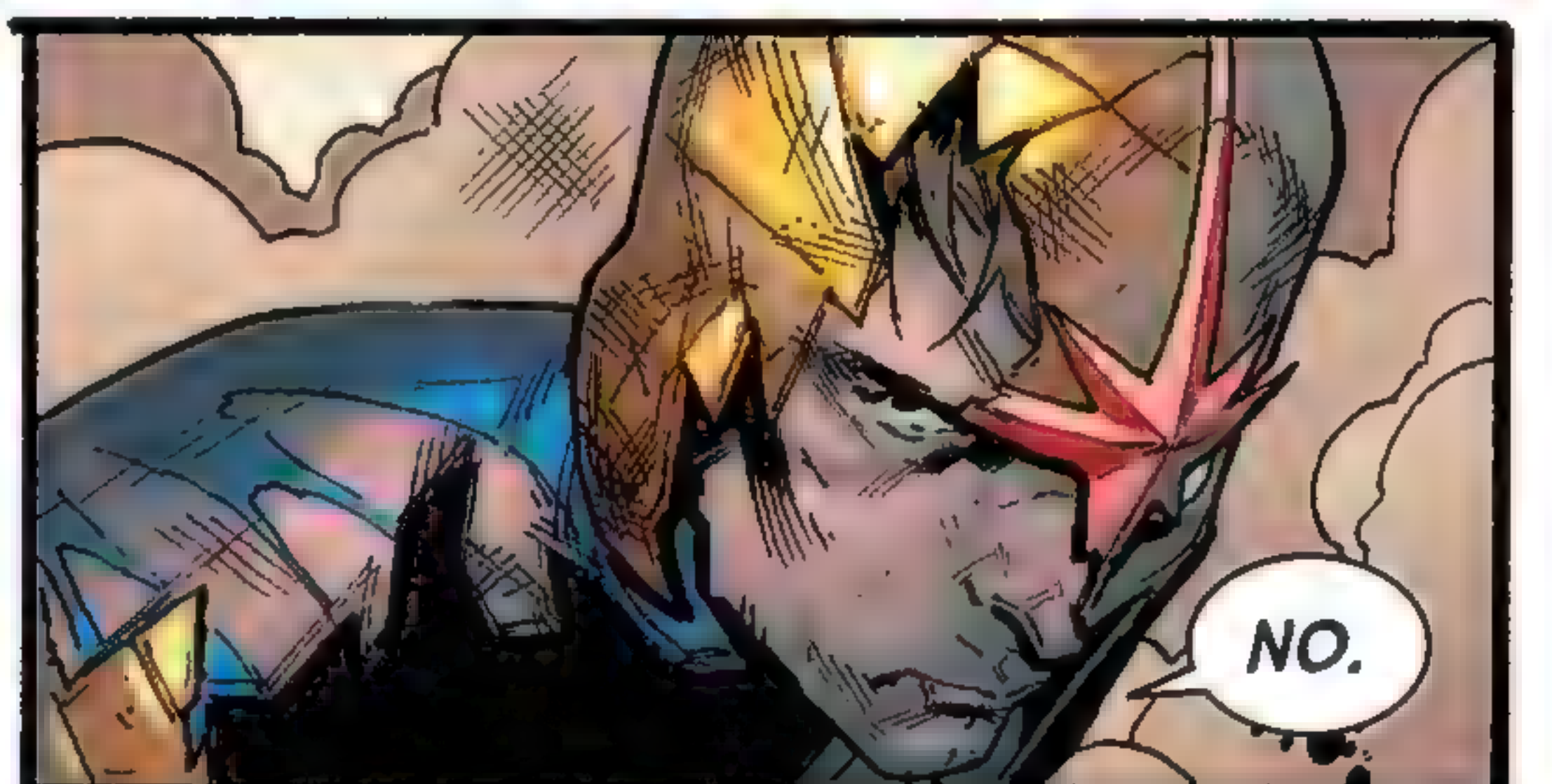
YOU NEED
TO RUN!

NOW!



AGH!!!

ZAAPRRK





THIS
ONE KNOWS
YOU.

YOU FOUGHT
BRAVELY IN THE
ANNIHILATION
WARS.

PERHAPS
YOU DO NOT
REMEMBER
ME.



I AM KNOWN
AS *WRAITH*.
BORN KREE. MADE
MORE.

I CANNOT
DIE. I DO NOT
TIRE. I DO NOT
FEEL PAIN.

I WISH YOU
NO TRUE HARM,
NOVA. YOU ARE
A MEANS TO
AN END.



I SEARCH
FOR *KNULL*.
THE EXOLON
GOD. SO THAT
I MAY FREE
MYSELF OF HIS
BLACK CURSE.

THE STARFOX
HAS PROMISED
INFORMATION FOR
THE HEAD OF THE
MAD TITAN'S
DAUGHTER.



AGH!

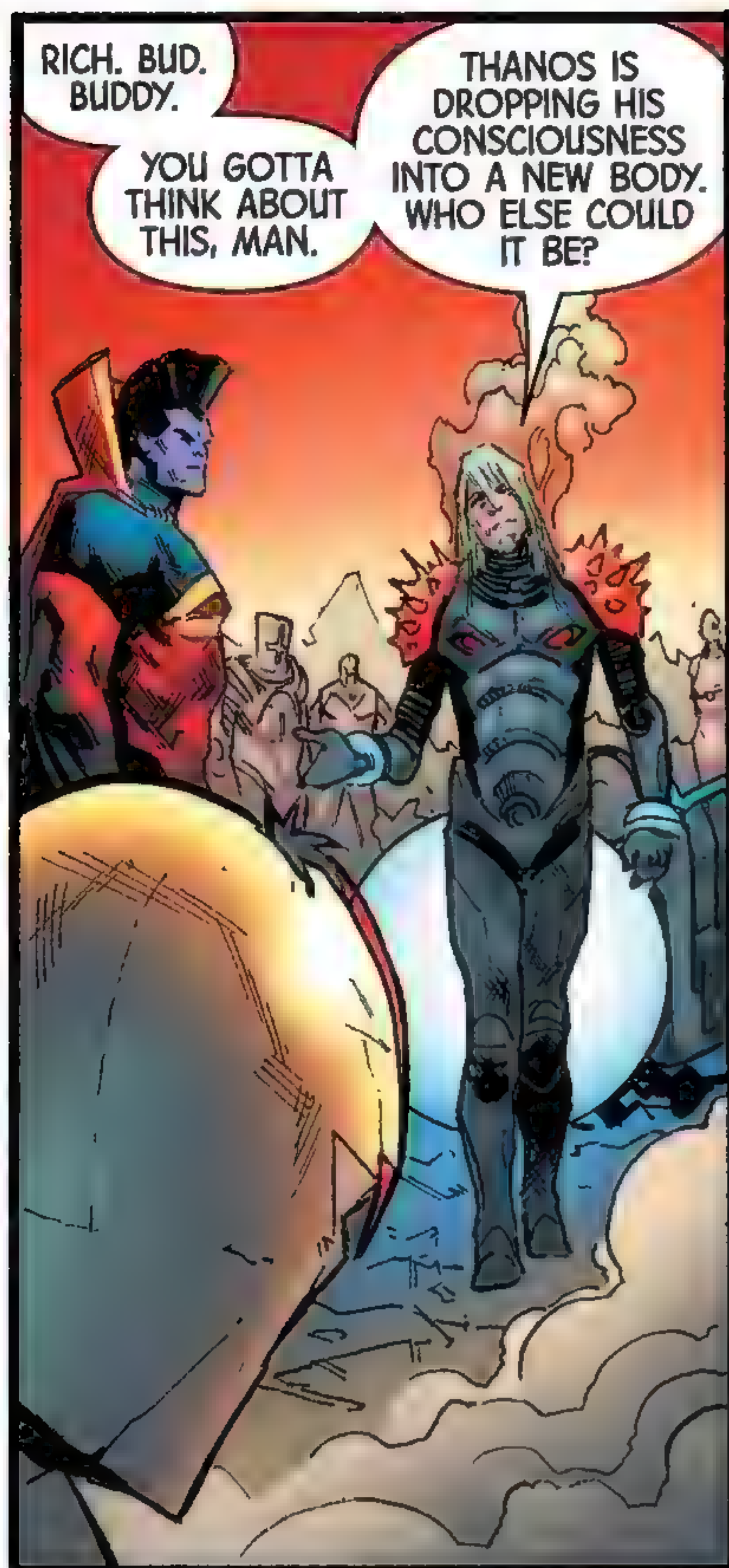
I WILL BE SAD
TO SEE YOU FALL.
BUT I WILL DO
WHAT I--

THAT'S
ENOUGH!



WE NEED
HIM ALIVE, YOU
GHOUL.

YEAH, CAN
WE...CAN WE ALL
CALM THE HELL
DOWN FOR A
SECOND?



RICH. BUD. BUDDY.

YOU GOTTA THINK ABOUT THIS, MAN.

THANOS IS DROPPING HIS CONSCIOUSNESS INTO A NEW BODY. WHO ELSE COULD IT BE?



IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMEONE HE COULD GET TO EARLY.

THAT HE COULD GROOM. TRAIN. MOLD.

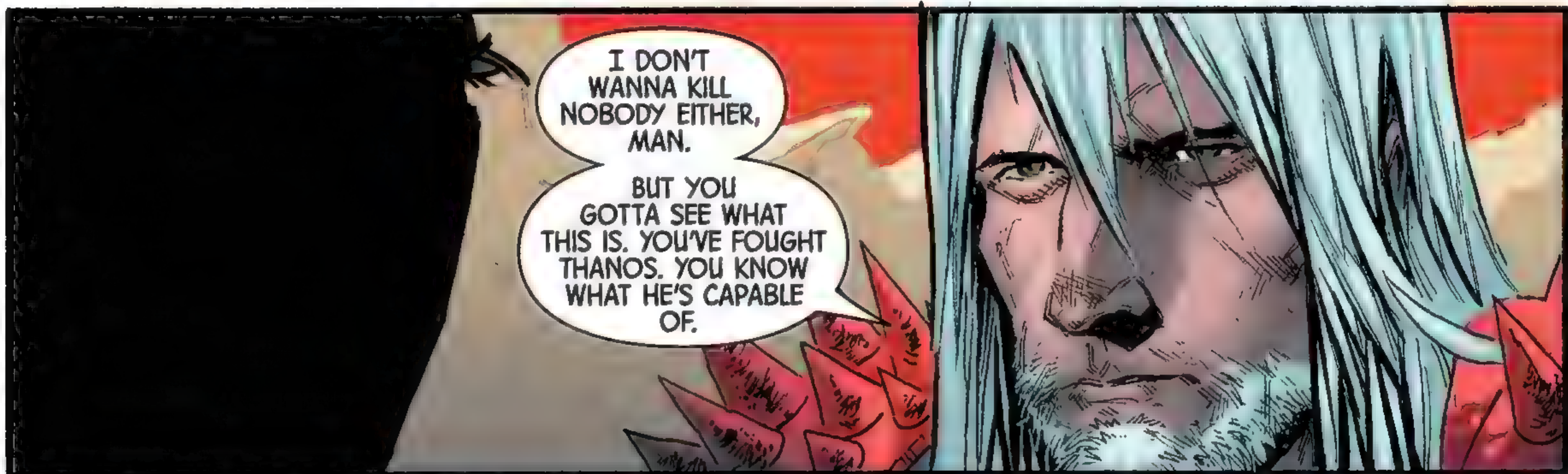
THAT HE COULD PLACE AT THE CENTER OF THIS WHOLE @#%?&\$ MESS TO CAUSE THE MOST DAMAGE.

WHO DOES THAT SOUND LIKE?



IT--IT DOESN'T MATTER. I'M NOT GIVING HER TO YOU SO YOU CAN KILL HER FOR SOMETHING SHE HASN'T DONE.

BUT SHE **HAS** DONE IT. RIGHT? OR DID I IMAGINE THAT LAST INFINITY STONE SAGA?



I DON'T WANNA KILL NOBODY EITHER, MAN.

BUT YOU GOTTA SEE WHAT THIS IS. YOU'VE FOUGHT THANOS. YOU KNOW WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF.

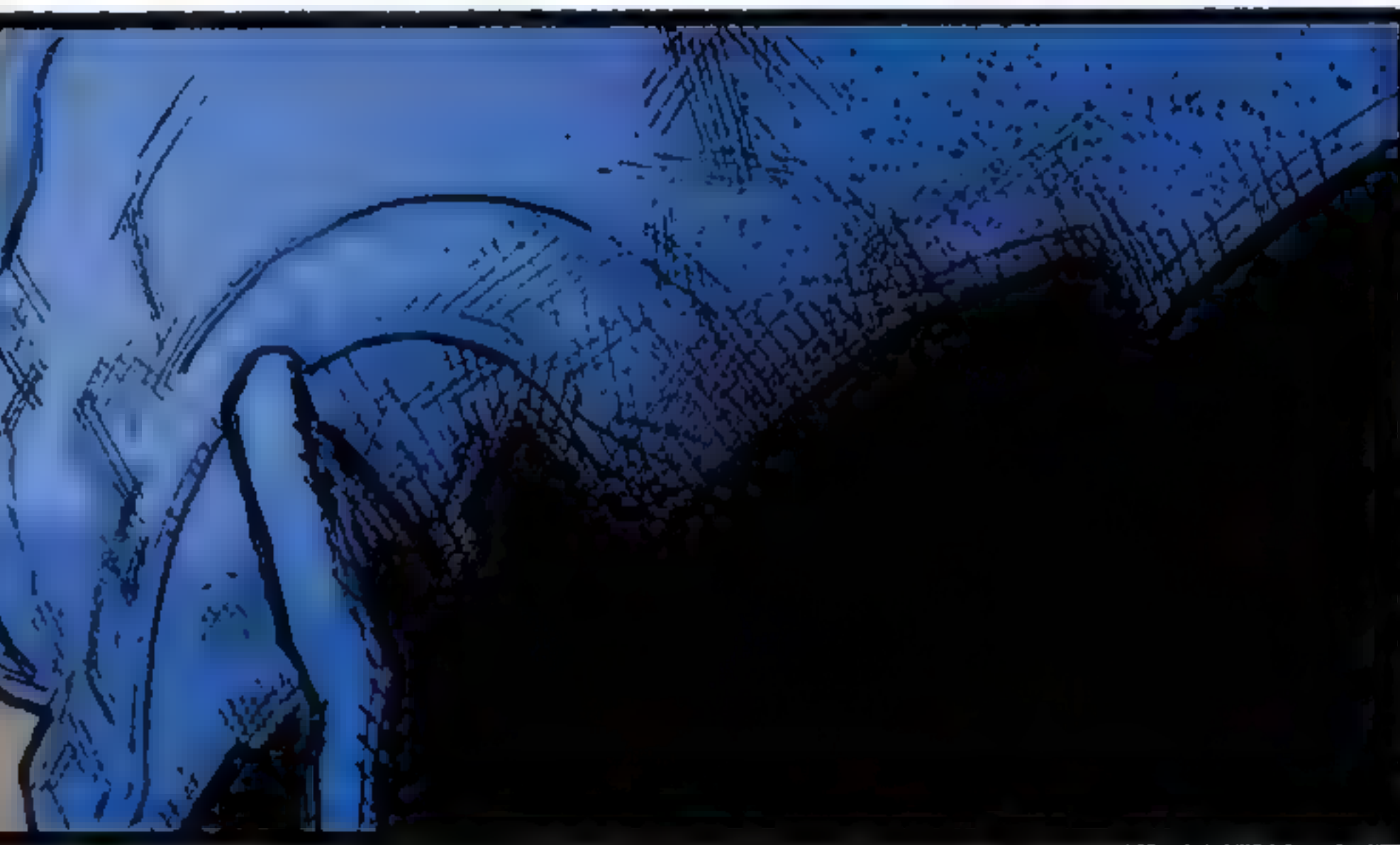


IT'S TIME TO PICK A SIDE, RICH.

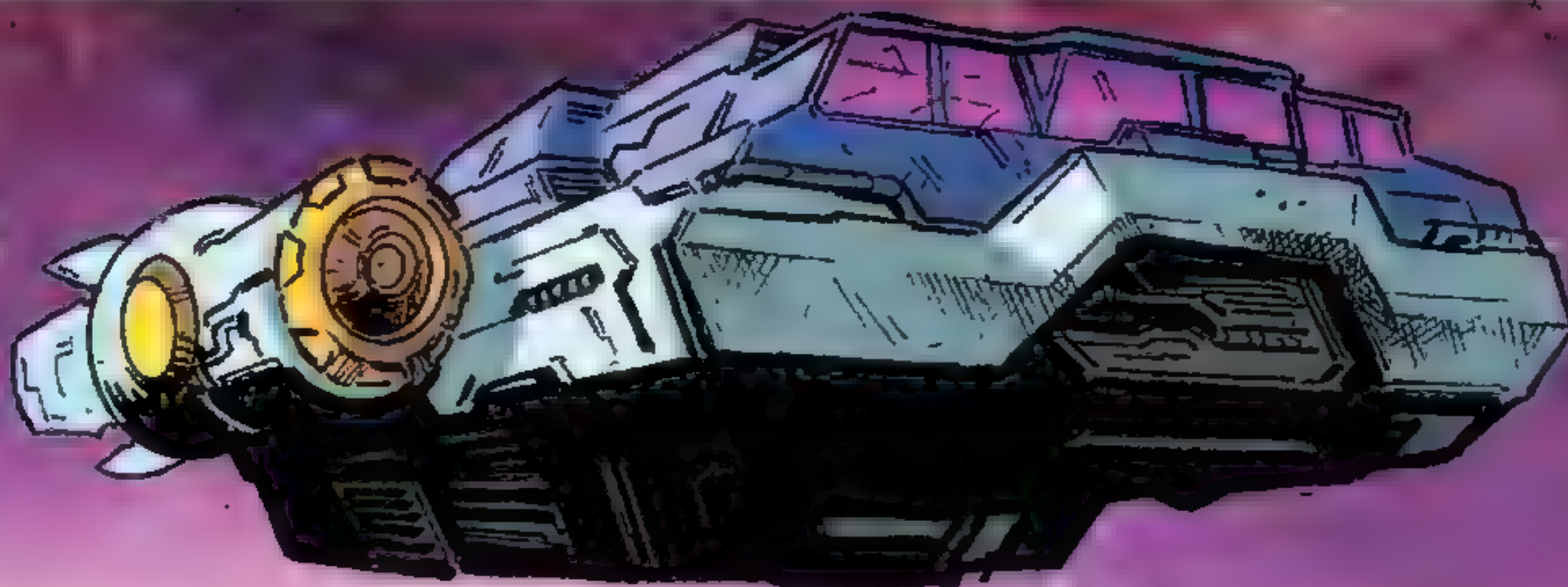
I...



...I HAVE.



THE RYDER.
JUST, LIKE...
SOMEWHERE OFF IN SPACE, MAN.



QUILL! THE
UNIVERSE IS
FALLING
APART!

QUILL! THE
GALAXY!

QUILL!!!

I'M DEAD,
GROOT!!!

PETER!
THE UNIVERSE
IS--

WHATEVER
IT IS, JUST LET
IT HAPPEN!

DAMMIT,
QUILL. GROOT
DIDN'T WANT TO
TELL YOU LIKE
THIS...

IT'S
ABOUT YOUR
FATHER.

THERE'S...
BEEN AN
ACCIDENT.



WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING
ON WITH MY--

YOUR
DAD IS
FINE.

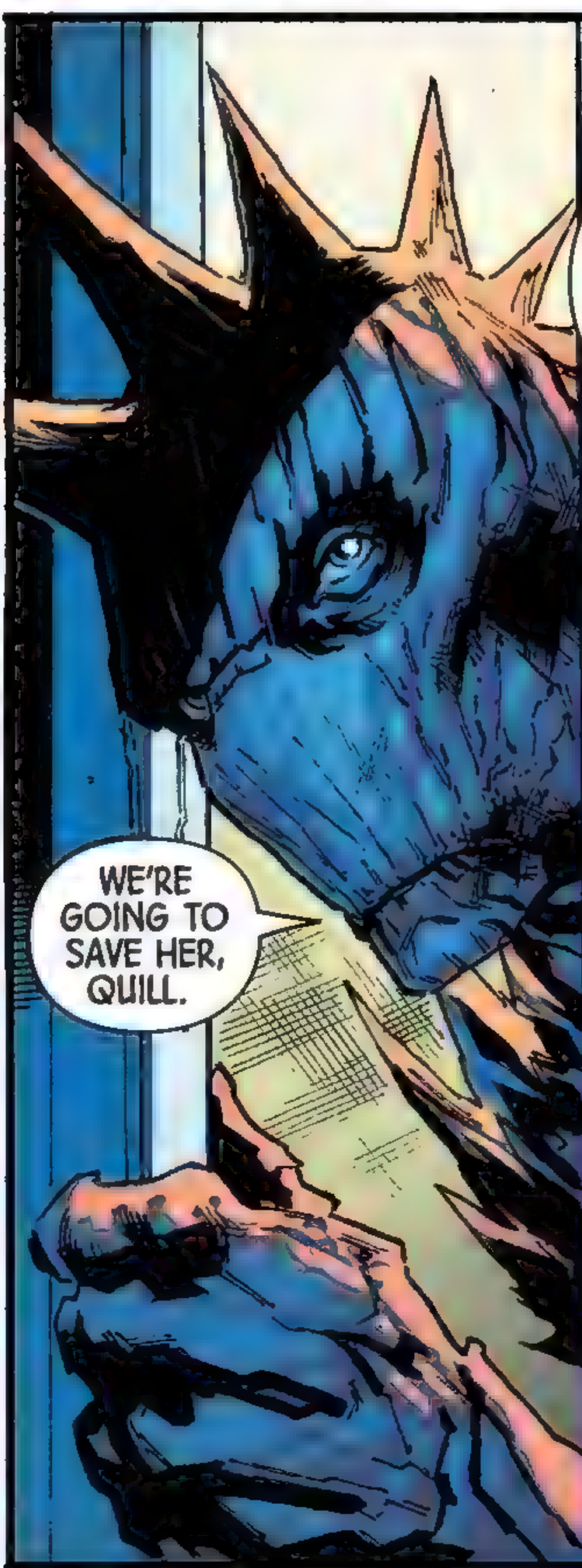
A SHAMEFUL
RUSE, GROOT.

WHATEVER.
LOOK, WE HAD
A MEETING
AND--



NOPE!

HEY!
LISTEN TO
GROOT!



WE'RE
GOING TO
SAVE HER,
QUILL.



WE AREN'T
GOING TO LET
EROS AND HIS
GAMORA KILL CREW
HUNT HER DOWN
LIKE THIS. SHE'S
FAMIL--

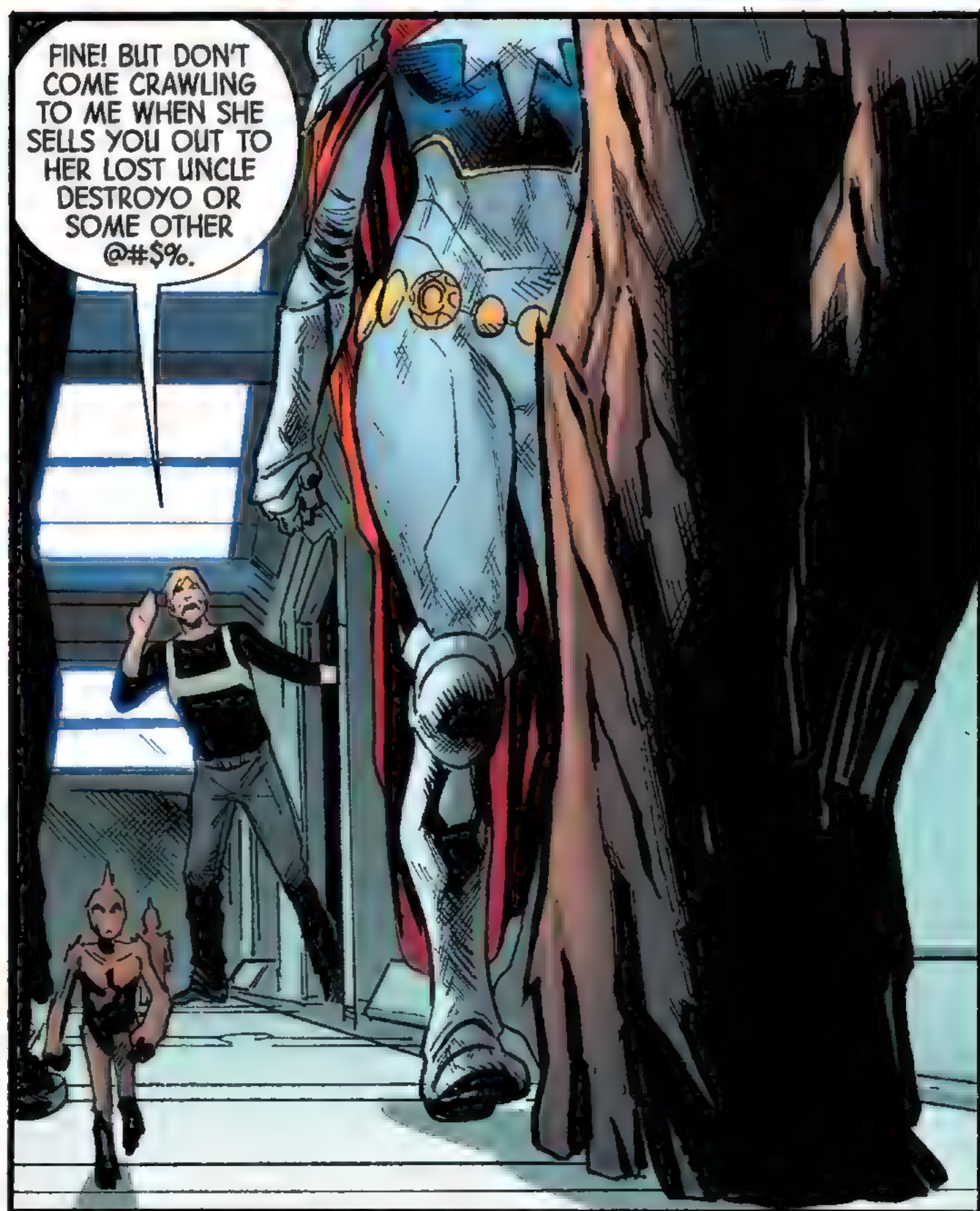
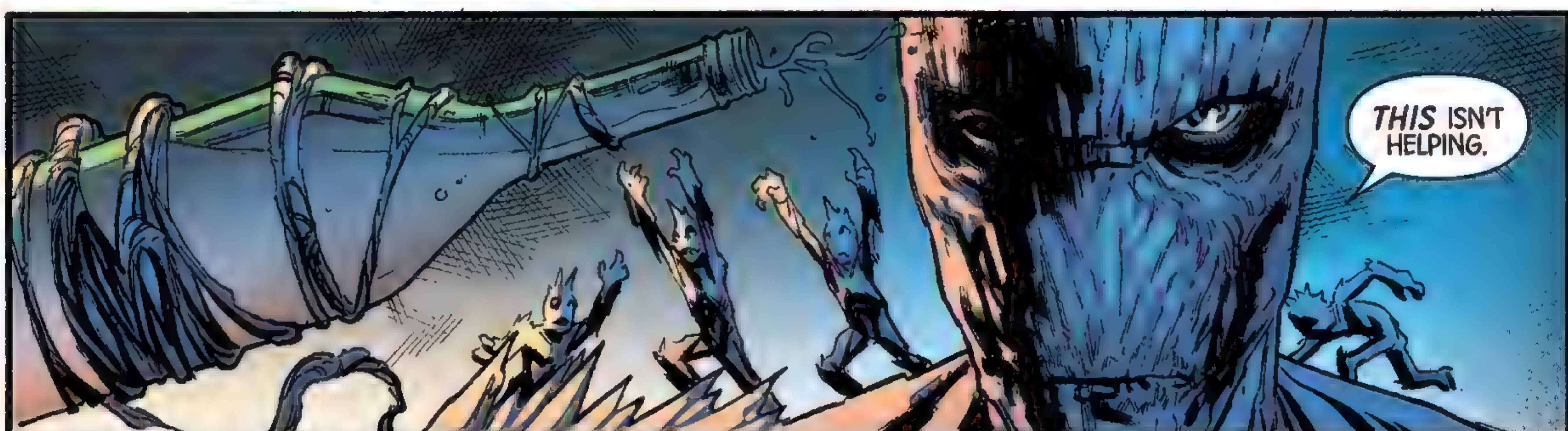
SHE IS **NOT** FAMILY
ANYMORE! SHE MADE THAT
PERFECTLY CLEAR WHEN SHE
ALMOST KILLED THE
ENTIRE UNIVERSE!

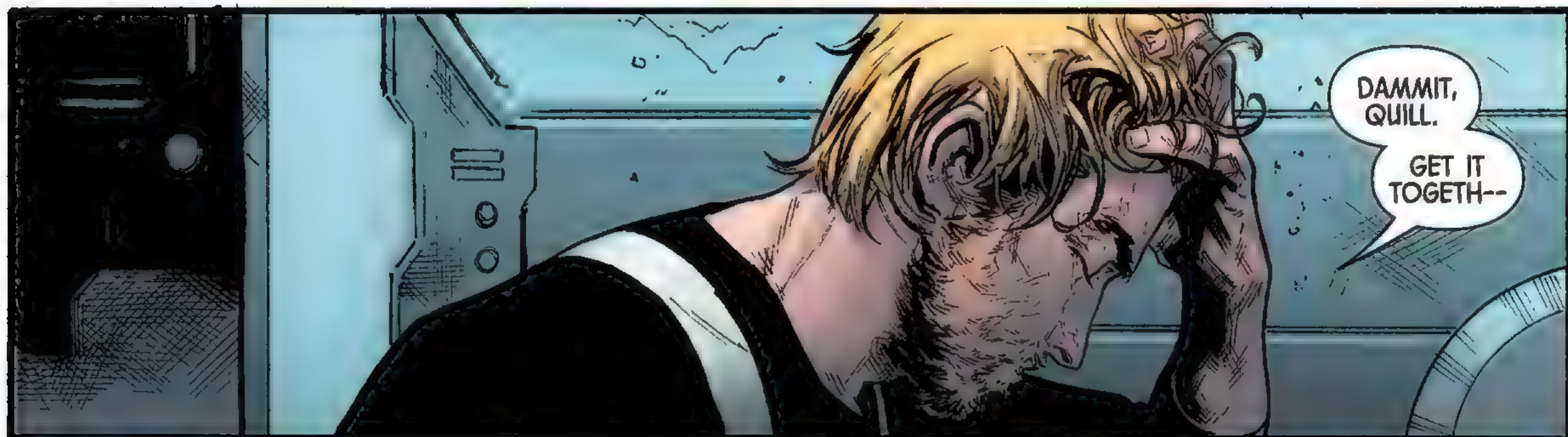
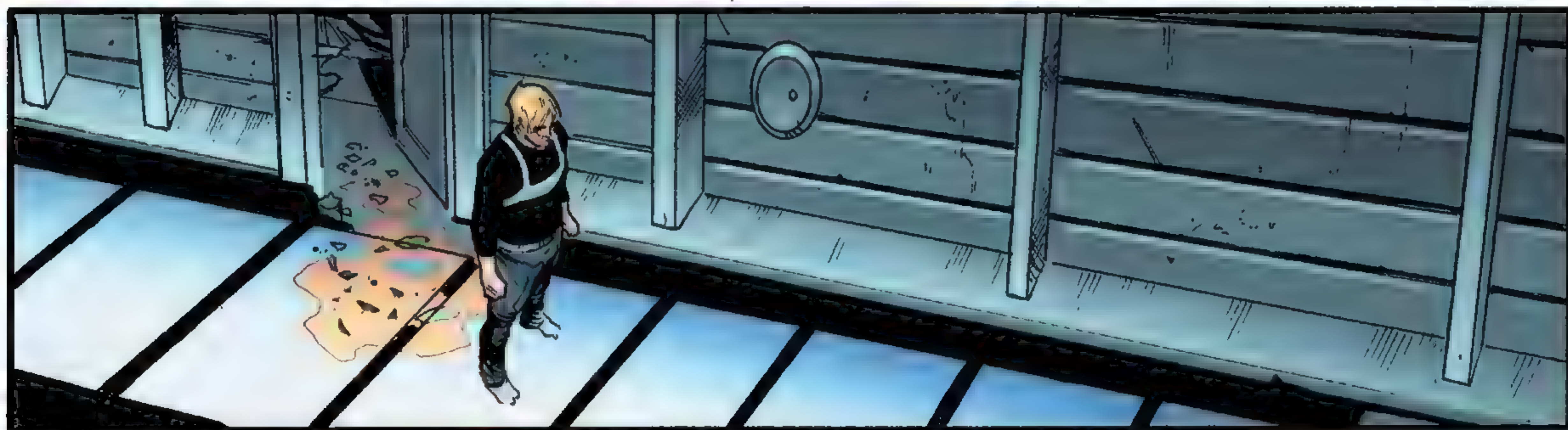
WHEN
SHE KILLED
ME!

AND YEAH.
YEAH, I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE ALL
GOING TO SAY. I
DEFENDED HER
THEN, RIGHT?

I STOOD
UP FOR HER
AGAINST ADAM
WARLOCK AND...
YEAH...I DID.

I DID.







WHAT THE HELL? YOU'RE TAKING THE RYDER?!

WELL, YEAH. HOW ELSE WOULD WE GET THERE? WE CAN'T ALL FIT ON BILL'S HAMMER.



GROOT, I HAVE ALLOWED THIS INSANE REBELLIOUS PHASE OF YOURS TO GO ON LONG ENOUGH. YOU TURN THIS SHIP AROUND NOW.

THAT'S AN ORDER.

PLAP-PLAP-PLAP-PLAP.

WHAT WAS THAT?

GROOT WAS DOING A FART NOISE. GROOT DOESN'T HAVE A TONGUE, SO GROOT CAN'T REALLY--

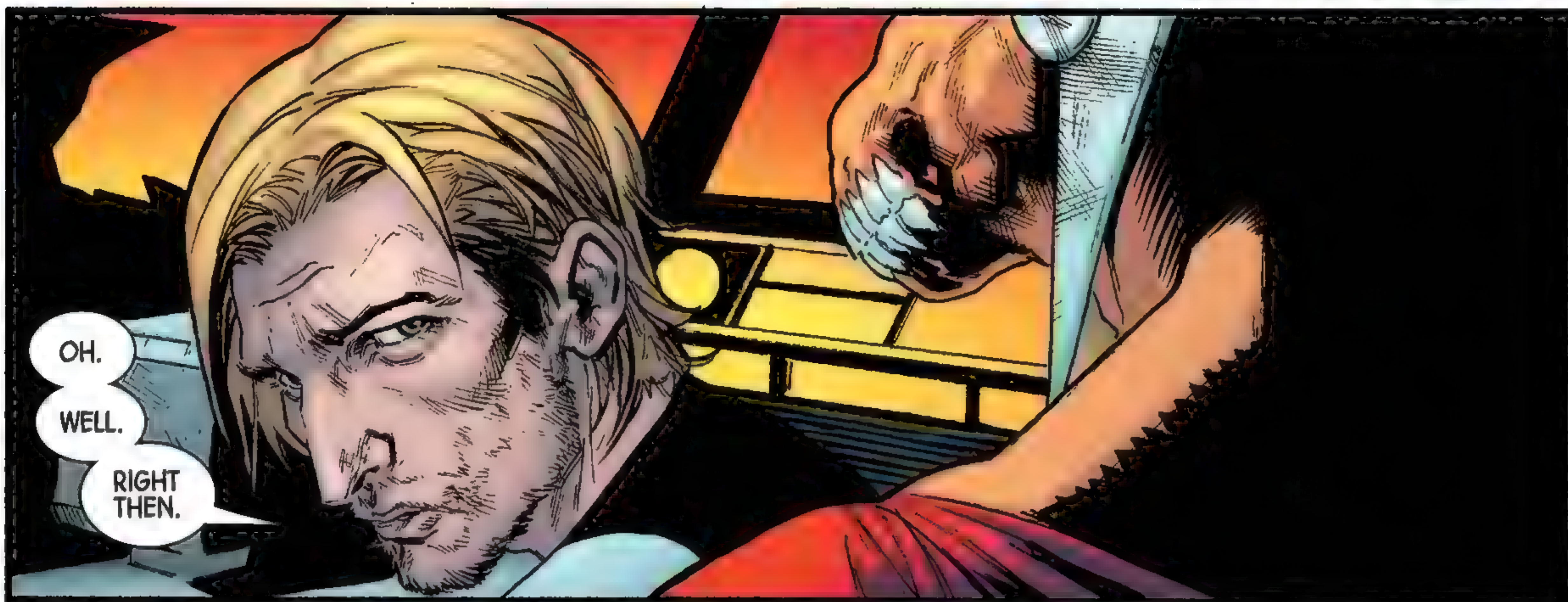
GROOT!

PETER QUILL, GROOT IS RELIEVING YOU OF YOUR COMMAND. STAND DOWN NOW OR GROOT'S SECOND OFFICER WILL ESCORT YOU TO THE BRIG.



WHAT? NO!
YOU CAN'T--
WHAT SECOND
OFFICER?!

SIT DOWN,
PETER.



OH.
WELL.
RIGHT THEN.



YOU'RE LUCKY
YOU'RE AN EIGHT-
FOOT-TALL ASGARDIAN
HORSE CARRYING A
HAMMER, BILL.
OTHERWISE--

OF
COURSE,
PETER.

STILL
MY SHIP.

OF
COURSE,
PETER.



I NEED A
COURSE, CAPTAIN
GROOT.

WHERE
ARE WE
GOING?



WE'RE GOING
TO *HALFWORLD*,
MOONDRAGON.

THIS. THIS
IS WHY. THIS
IS WHY I DIDN'T
WANT TO DO
THIS.

GAMORA...

"SHE'S GONE
AFTER ROCKET."





RON LIM & ISRAEL SILVA
#1 variant



GERALD PAREL
#1 variant



ESAD RIBIĆ
#1 variant



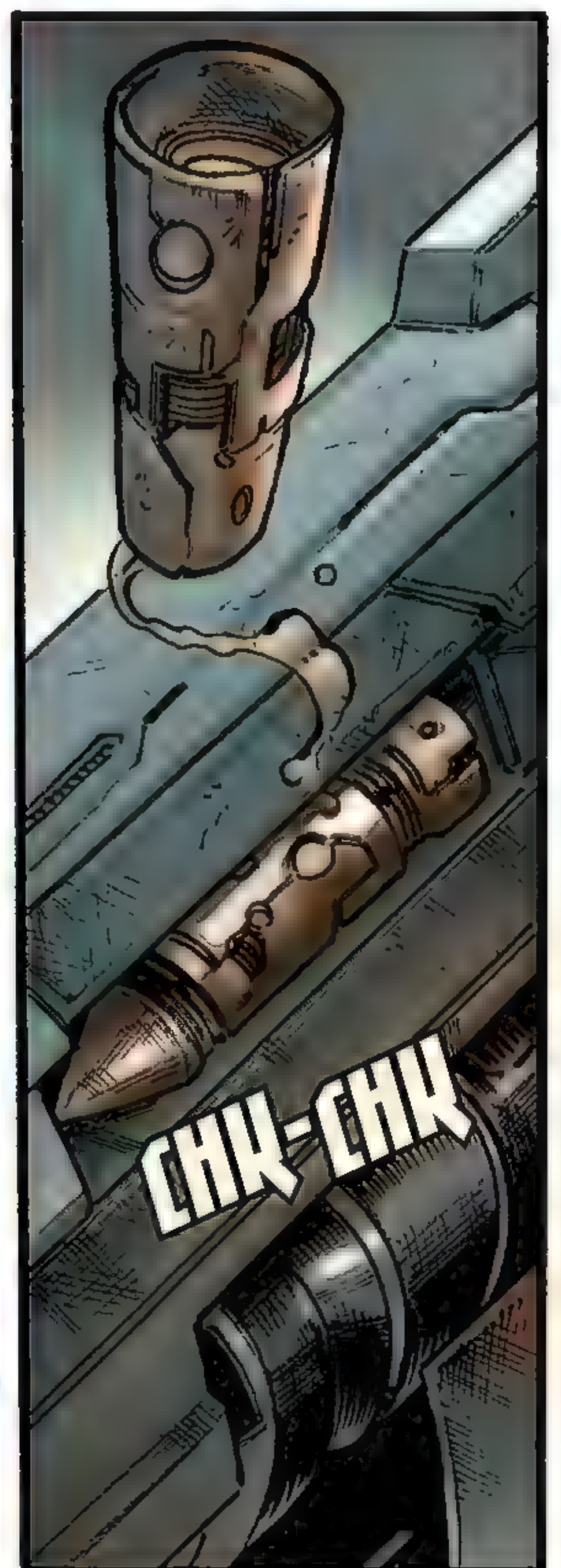
SHOTTIE YOUNG
#1 variant

FOUR



HALFWORLD.
ANCESTRAL HOME OF ROCKET RACCOON.
LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE
DEADLIEST WOMAN IN THE GALAXY.

"OKAY,
LISTEN UP,
TEAM."

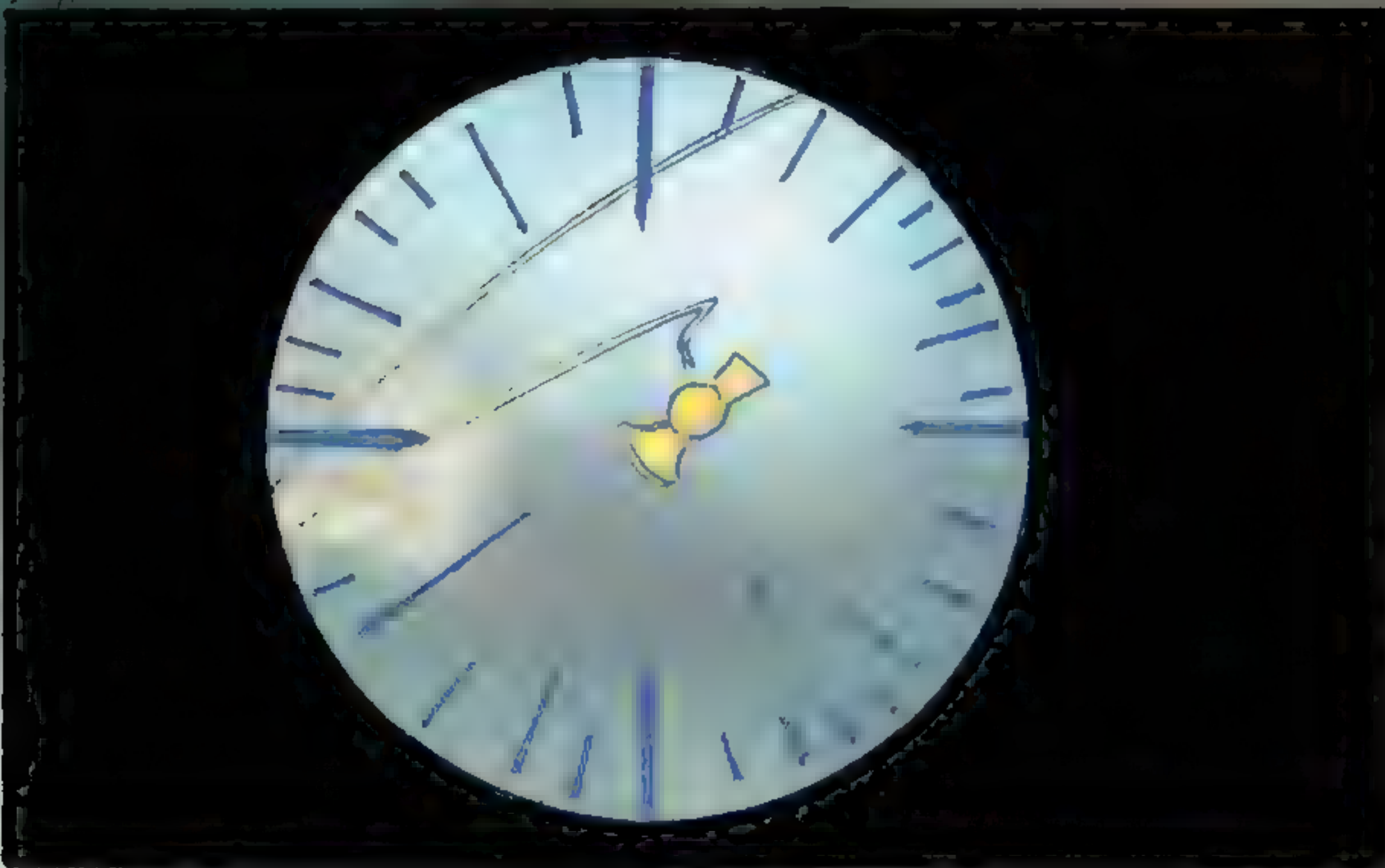




SURPRISE.



NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, ALLOW ME TO--



FLARK ME.



KRASH!





THAT...

⇒COUGH⇒

...WAS
IMPRESSIVE...



YEAH?

THEN
YOU'RE GONNA
LOVE THIS.



GAMORA!
GROOT!

STOP TRYING TO KILL GUARDIANS!

BETA RAY BILL IS A GUARDIAN? I THOUGHT THEY WERE HERE FOR ROCKET.

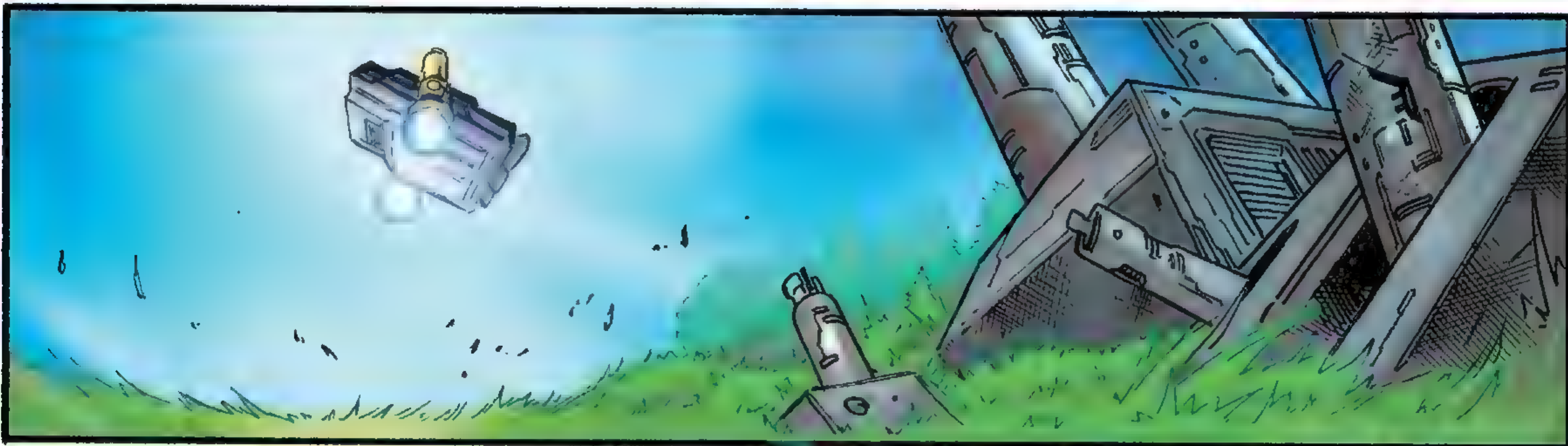
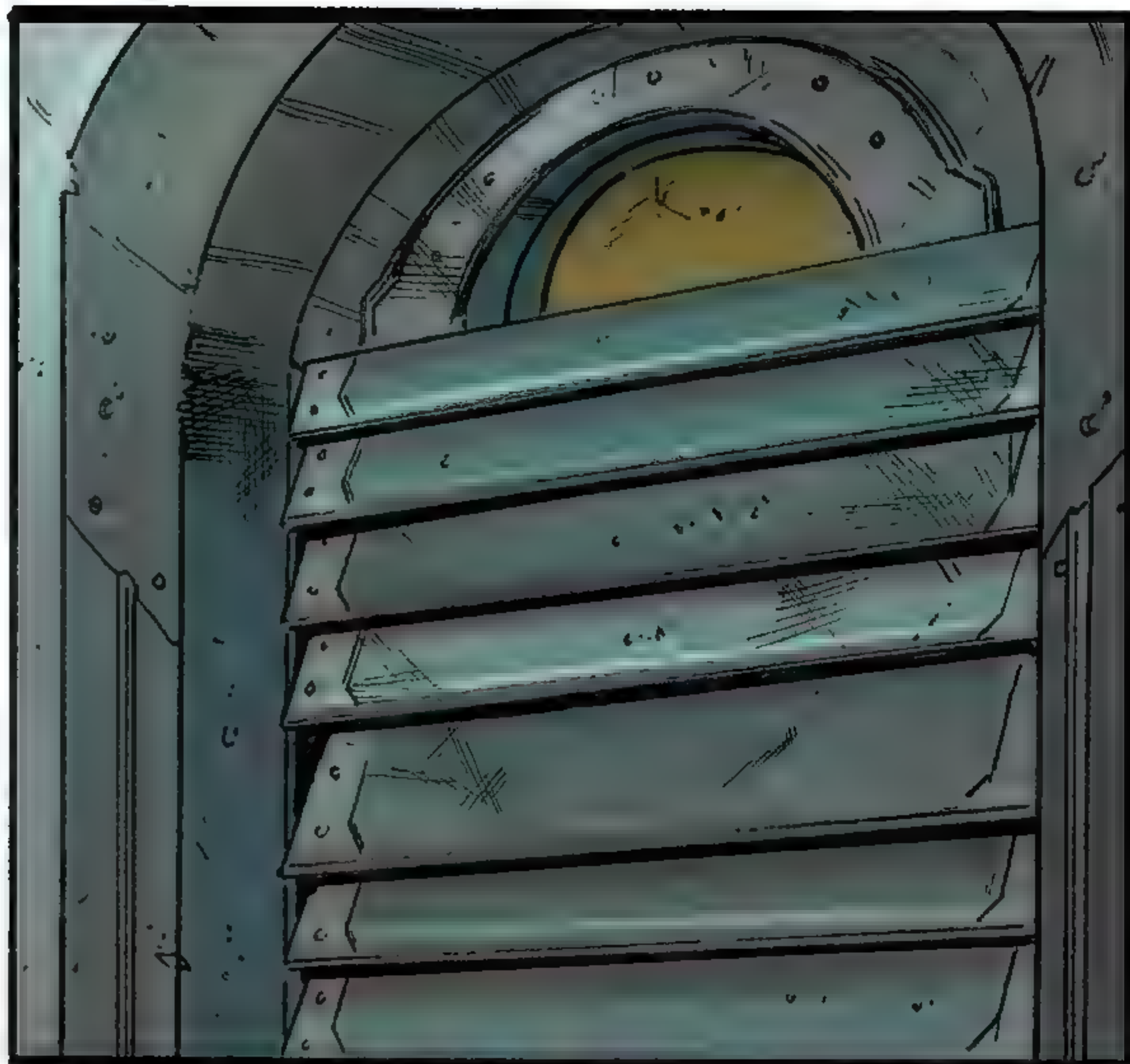
SO YOU TRIED TO KILL THEM?

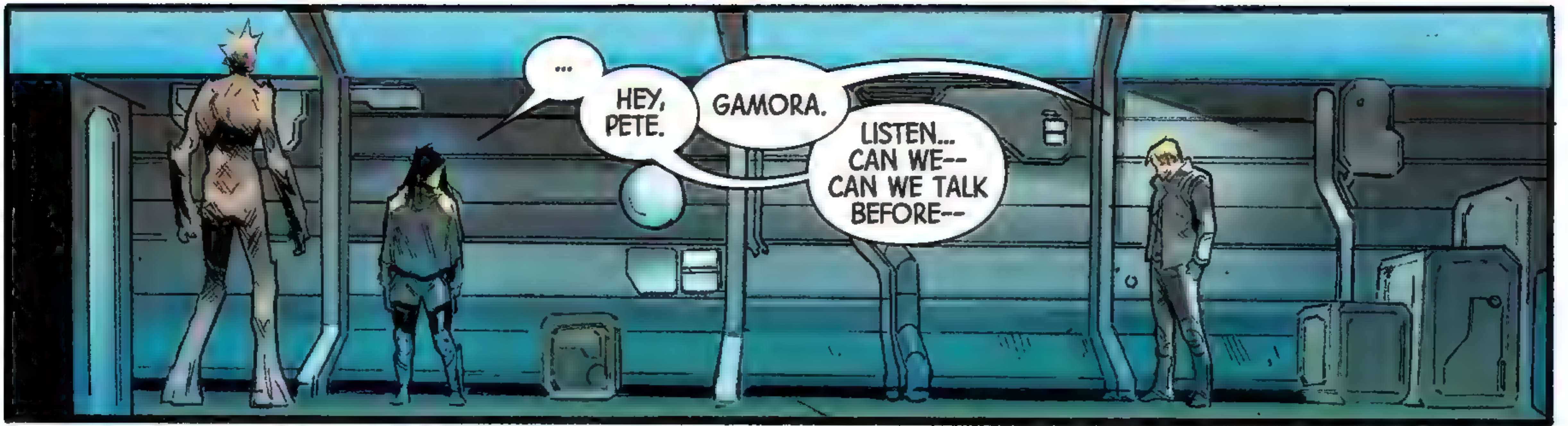
NO ONE KILLS ROCKET BEFORE I--

GROOT HATES THIS.









HEY,
PETE.

GAMORA.

LISTEN...
CAN WE--
CAN WE TALK
BEFORE--



I'M...
GONNA NEED
YOU TO PUT THESE
CUFFS ON
FOR ME.

PLEASE
DON'T
MAKE THIS A
THING.



FINE. BUT...
PETER...YOU
KNOW THIS IS
JUST ONE OF
THANOS' GAMES,
RIGHT?

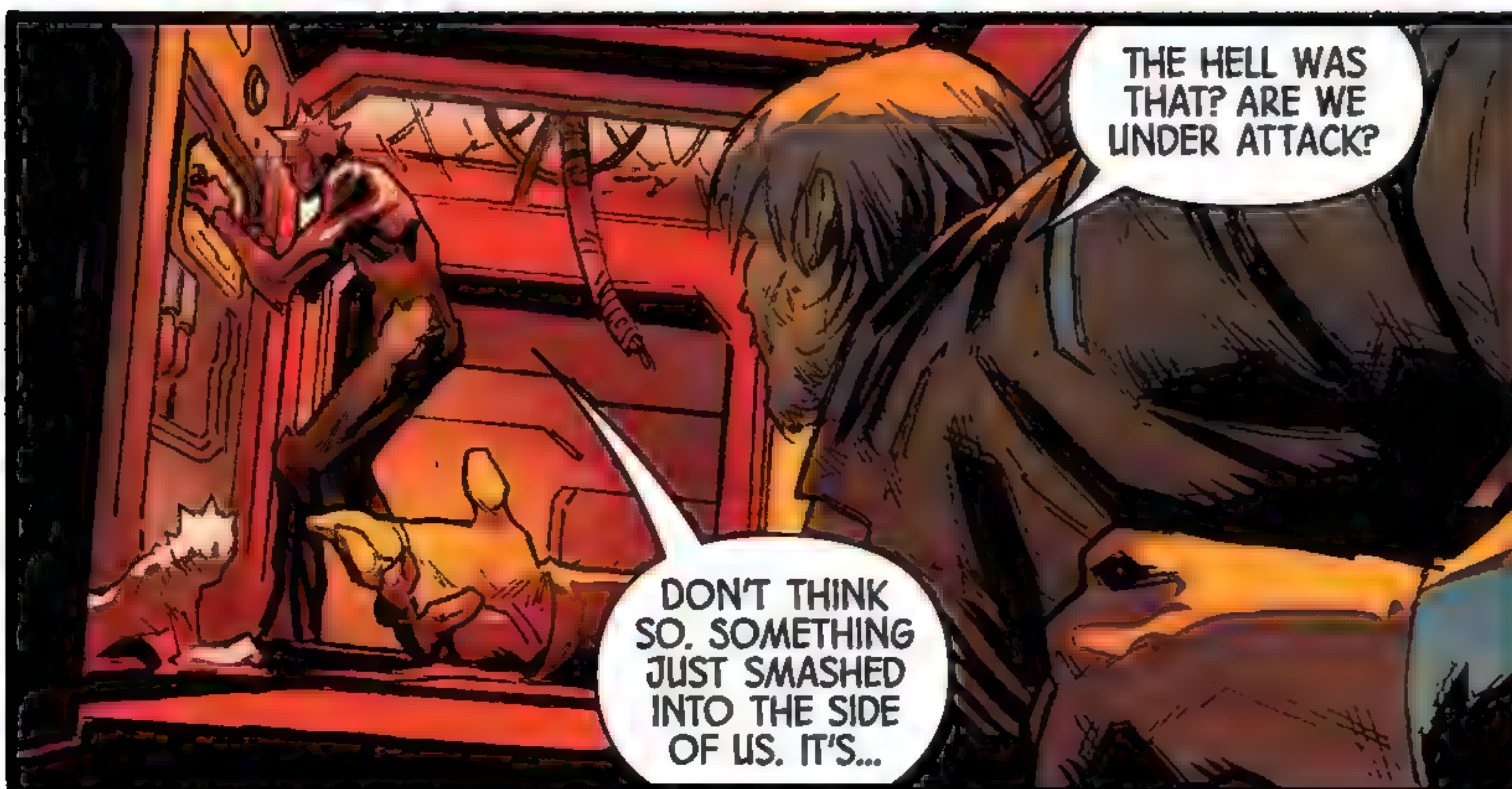
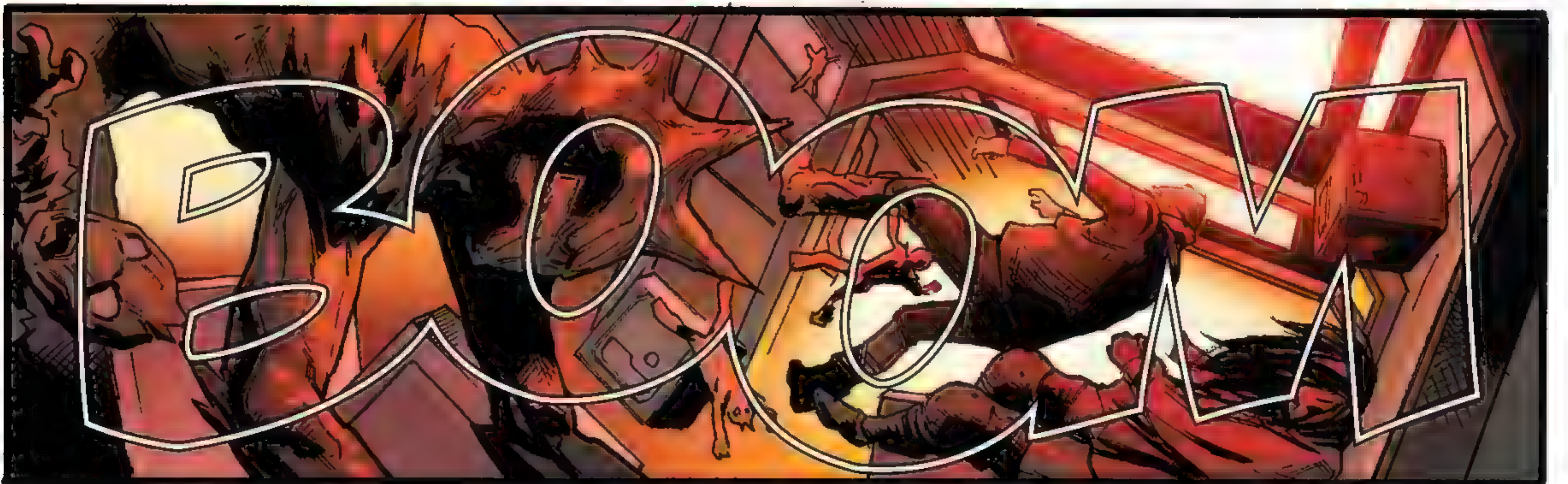
ISN'T
THAT WHAT
YOUR FATHER
WOULD SAY?

YOU ARE
DOING EXACTLY
WHAT HE WANTS.
YOU KNOW THAT.



I DON'T
KNOW ANYTHING
ANYMORE.

PETER...
I AM SO--



THE HELL WAS
THAT? ARE WE
UNDER ATTACK?

DON'T THINK
SO. SOMETHING
JUST SMASHED
INTO THE SIDE
OF US. IT'S...



AW
@#%\$...



NOVA!
WHAT THE HELL
HAPPENED?

THEY'RE
COMING! PETE,
YOU HAVE TO
WARN...



OH.
GAMORA'S
HERE. WITH
YOU...

OH.

OH
NO...

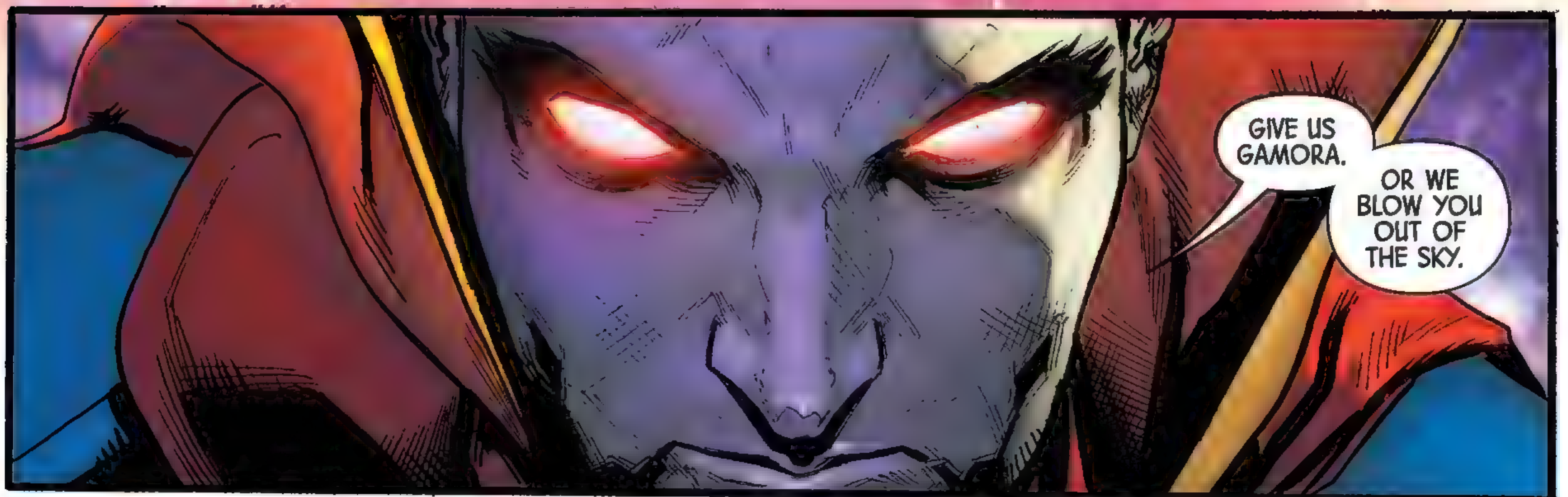


OH,
RICHARD, YOU
IDIOT...



GUARDIANS.

YOU DO
NOT HAVE TO
DIE TODAY.



GIVE US
GAMORA.

OR WE
BLOW YOU
OUT OF
THE SKY.



YOU KNOW...I DON'T EVEN REALLY CARE THAT MUCH ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING.

SEEMS TO ME THIS IS GONNA PLAY OUT THE SAME WAY NO MATTER WHAT SOMEONE LIKE ME DOES OR DOESN'T DO...



...BUT YOU DON'T THREATEN MY SHIP.

IT'S GROOT'S SHIP ACTUALLY. REMEMBER? BECAUSE OF THE MUTIN--

DOING A THING RIGHT NOW, GROOT.



DON'T BE STUPID, QUILL. YOUR SHIP DOESN'T EVEN HAVE DEFENSES.

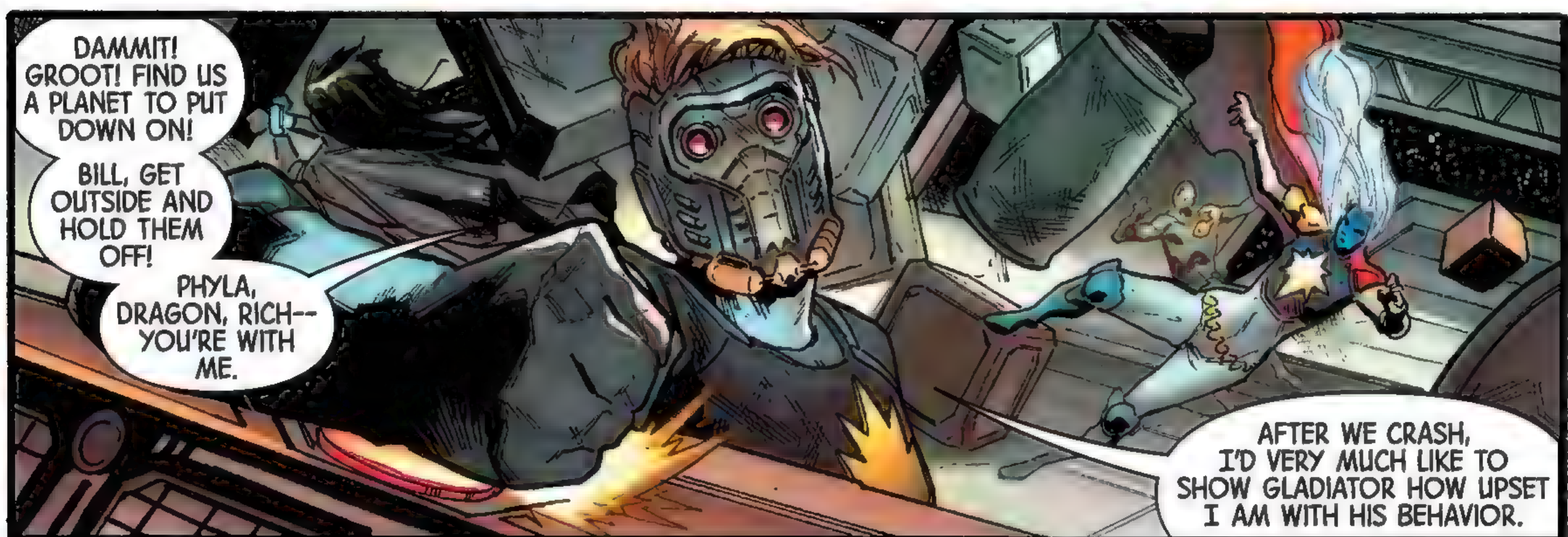
YOU HAVE NO WEAPONS.

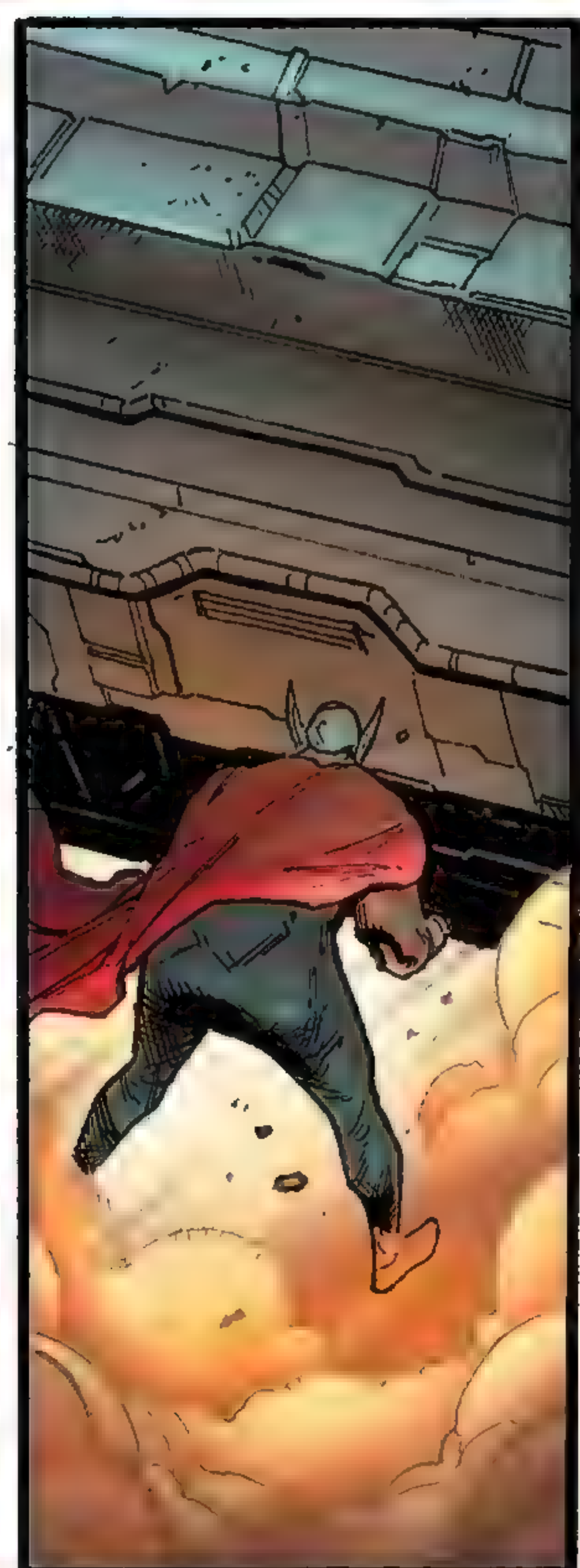


HEH...



...LOOK CLOSER.



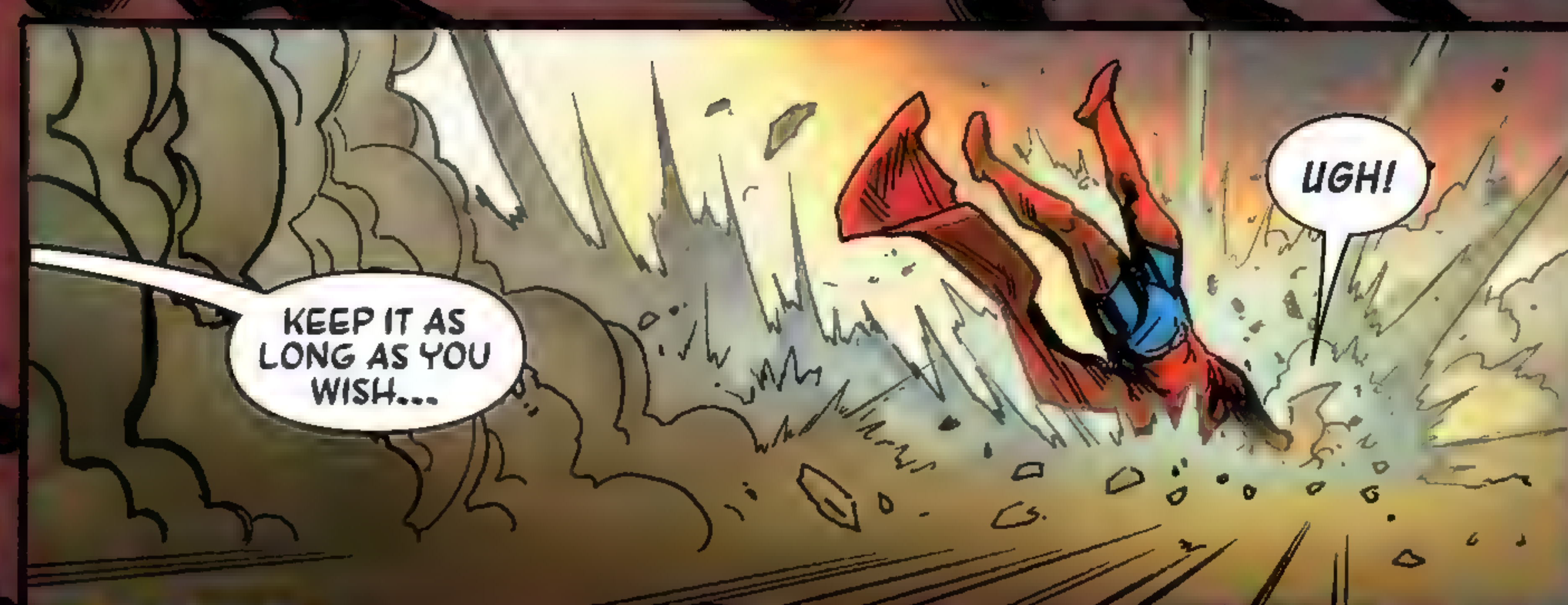




HAVE AT THEE,
GLADIATOR! LET
US SEE YOU WEATHER
STORMBREAKER!



HA! NICE
HAMMER. THINK
I'LL KEEP--

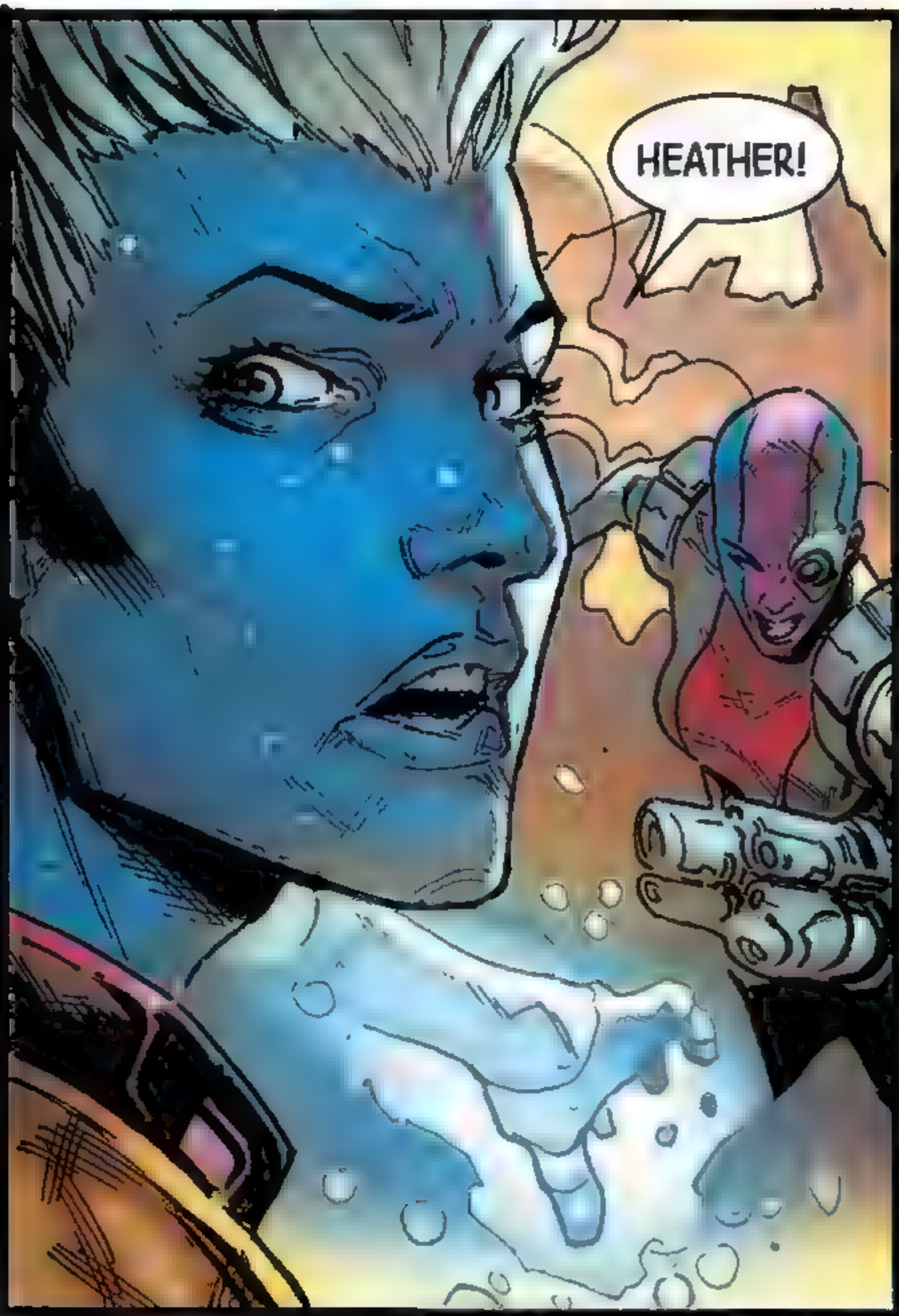
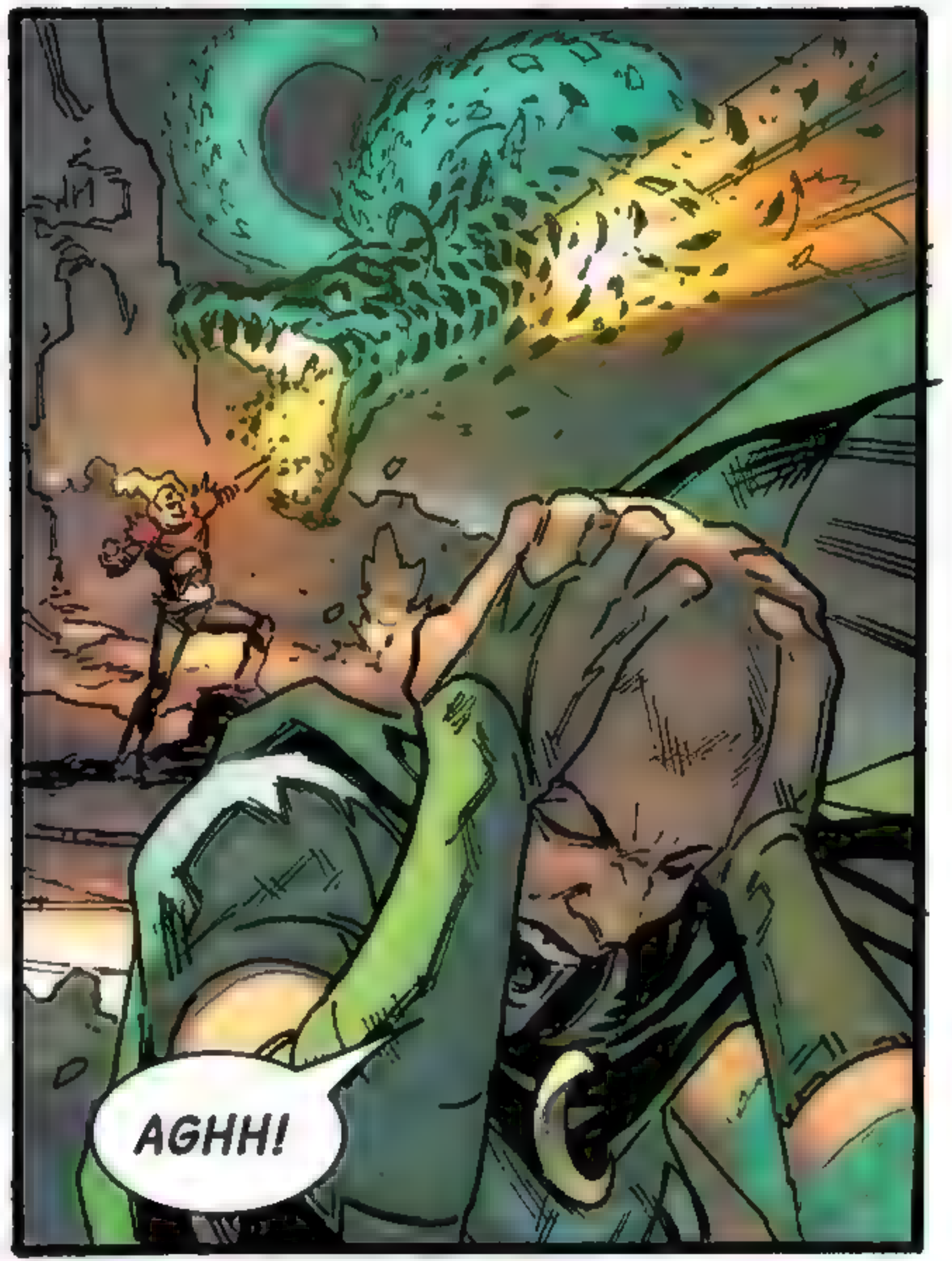
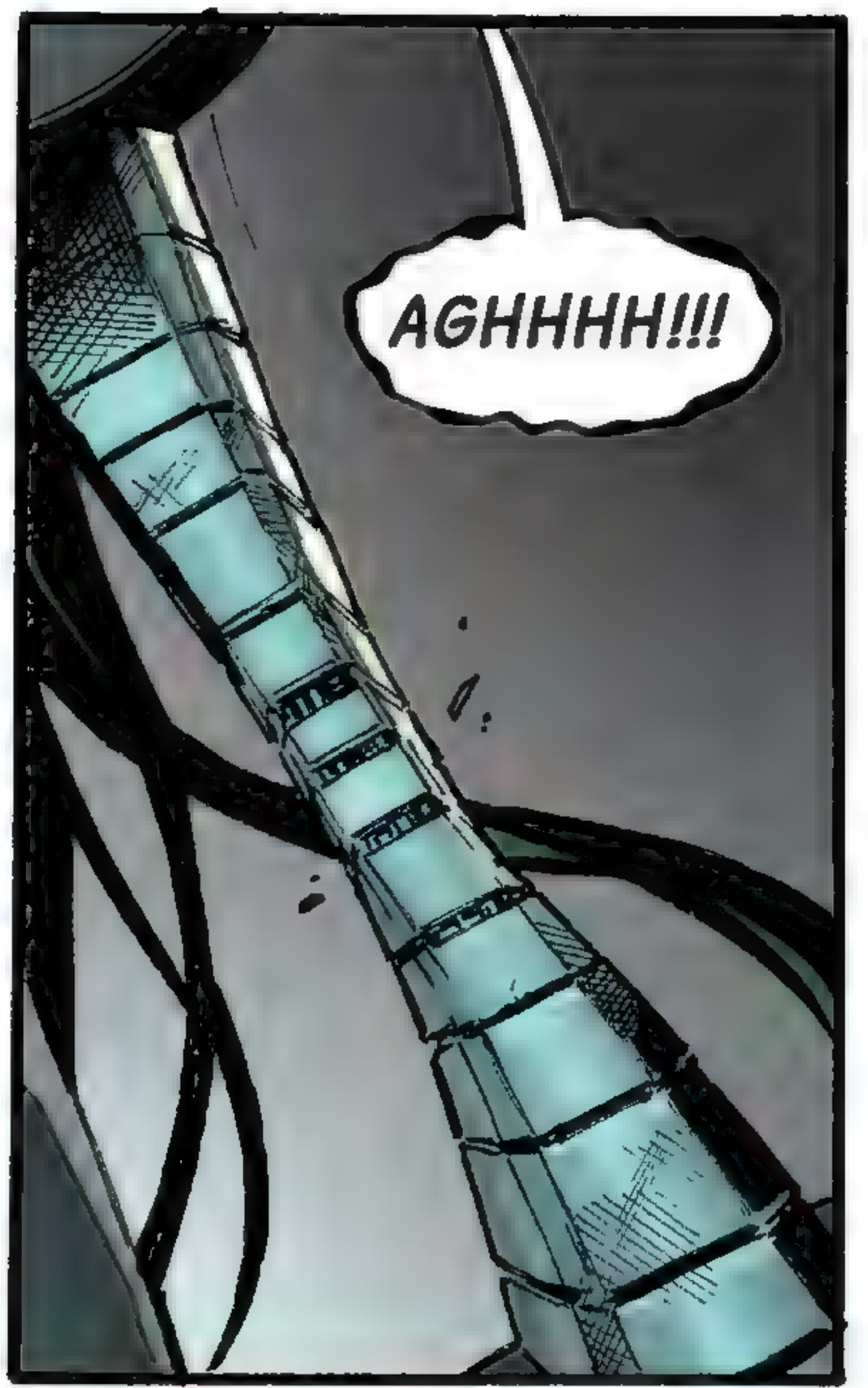


UGH!

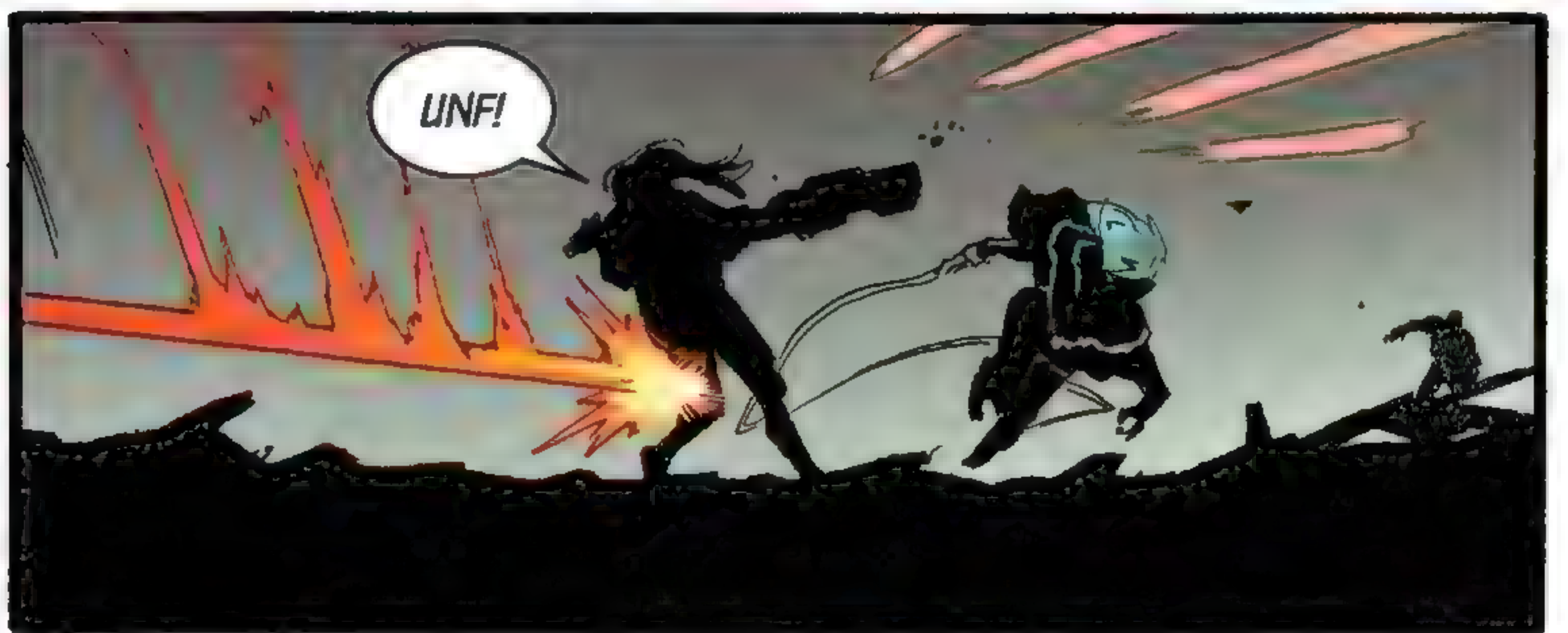
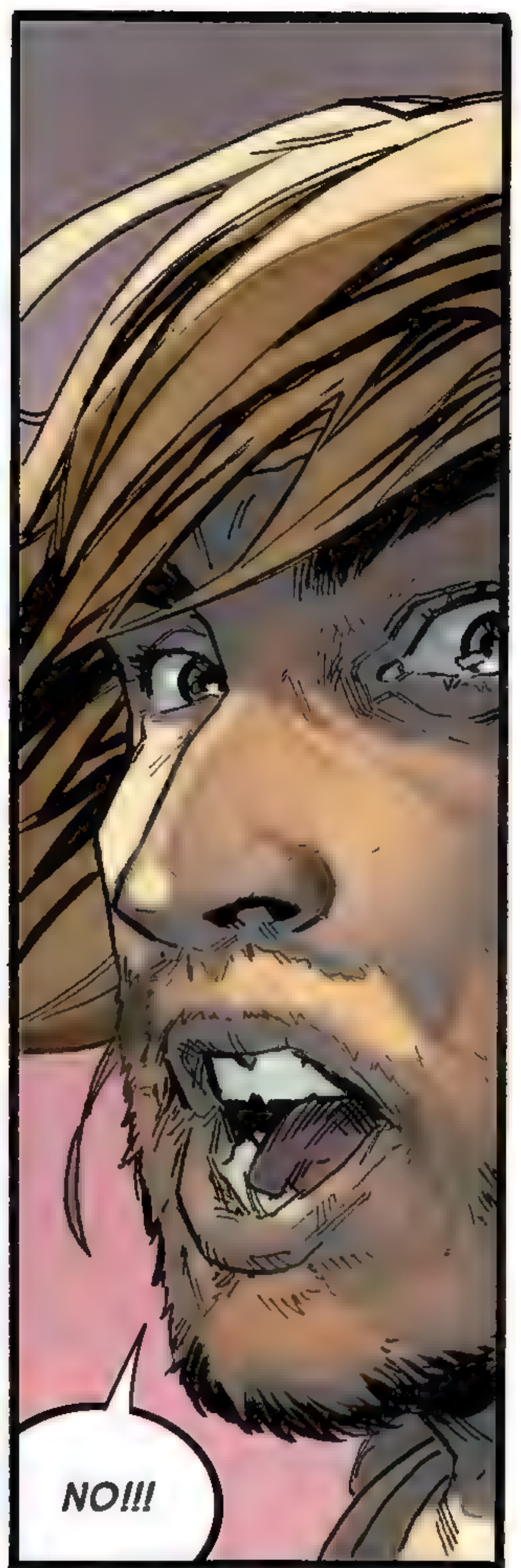
KEEP IT AS
LONG AS YOU
WISH...

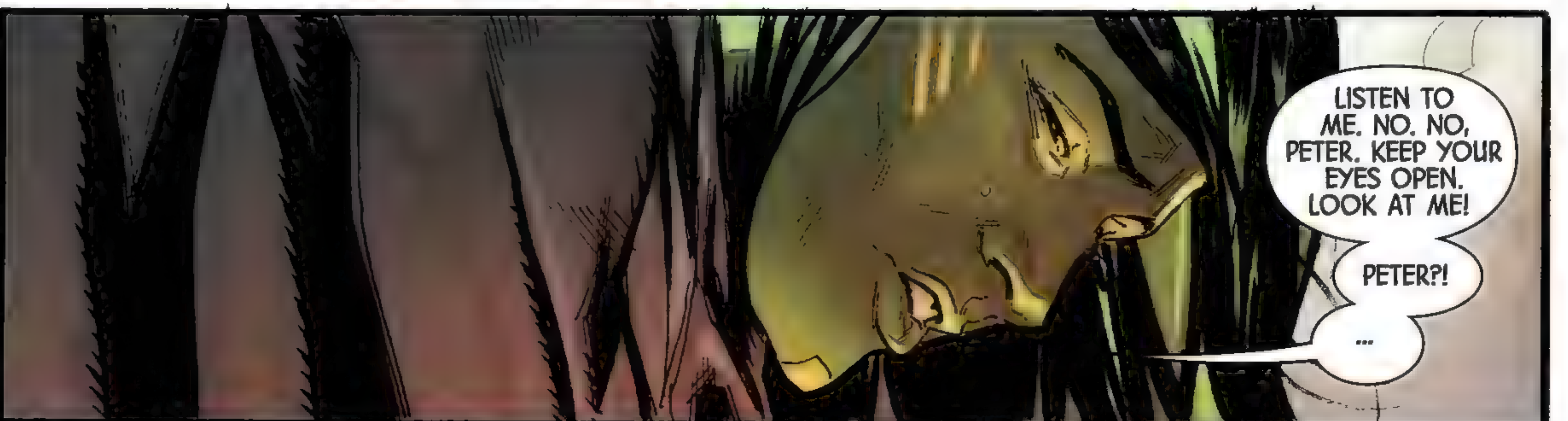
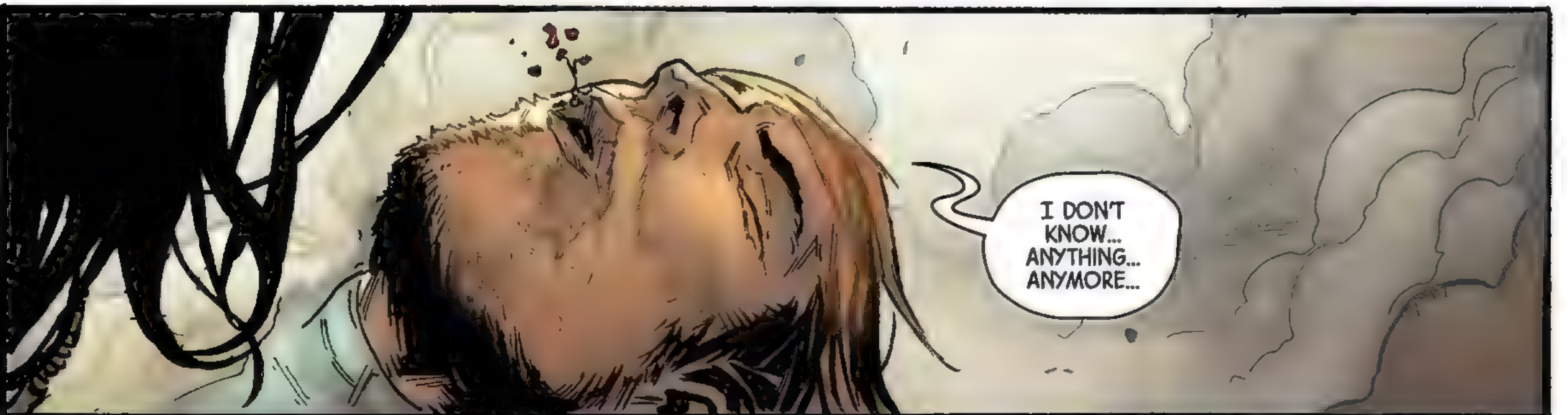
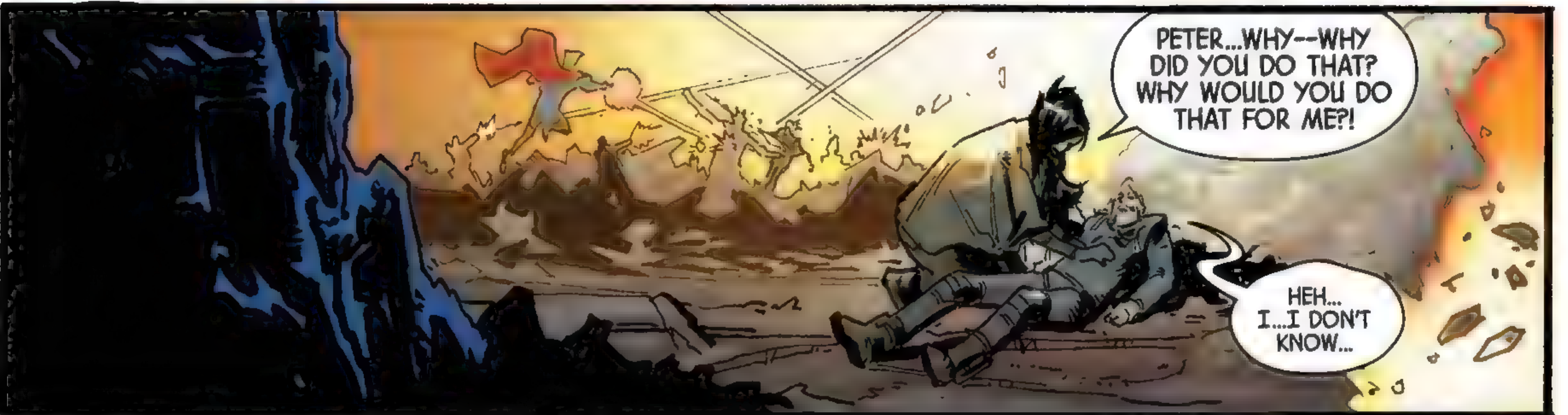
...I'VE OTHER
MATTERS
TO ATTEND...













PETER?





PETER.

CAPTAIN
GROOT, I
BELIEVE THE
STAR-LORD
IS BEYOND
OUR--

NAH, HE'S
FINE.

GROOT,
HONEY, HE'S
NOT--



PETER, QUIT
BEING A BABY
AND GET UP.

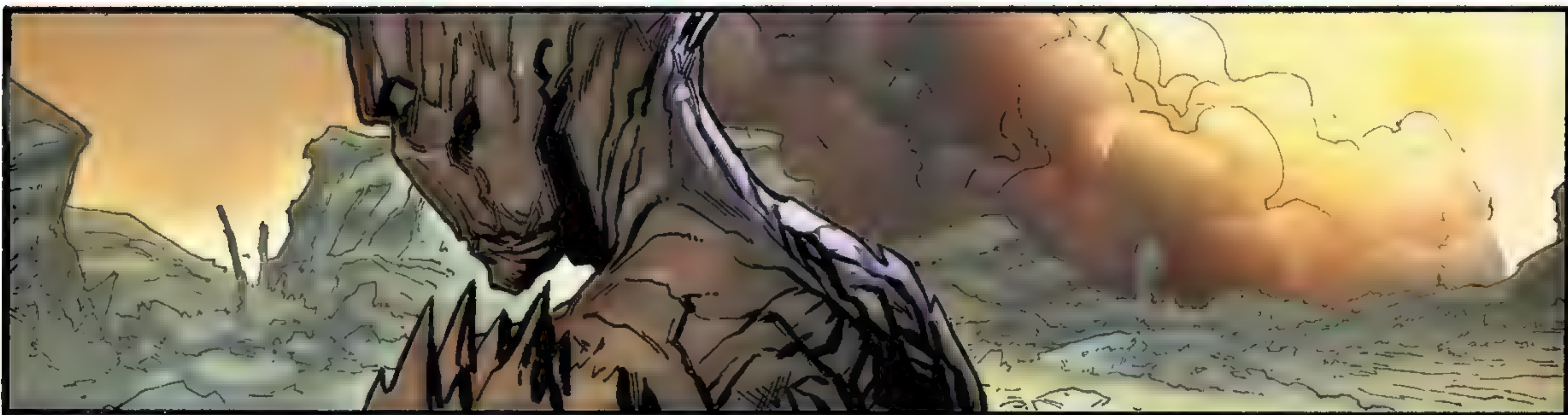
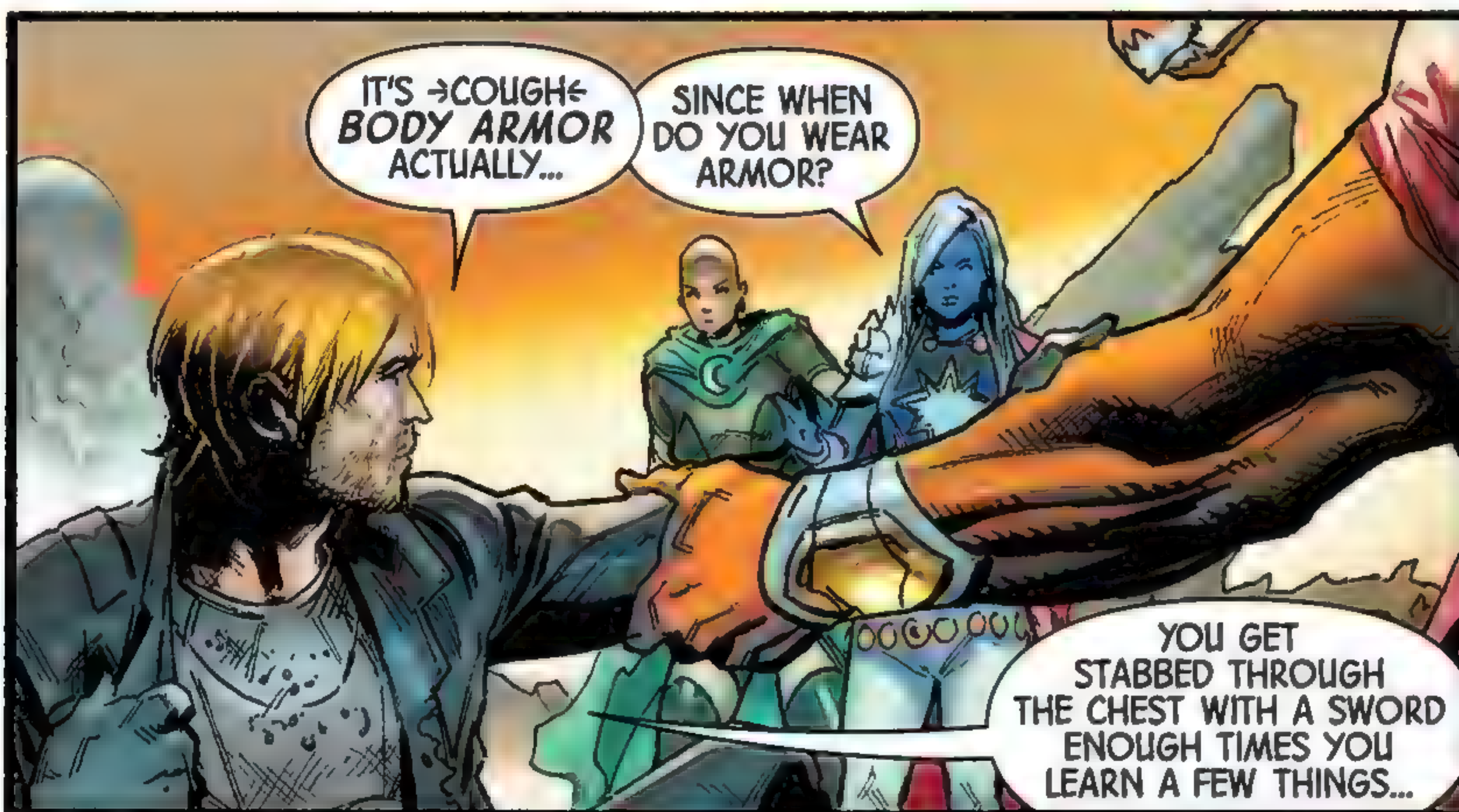
PETER!

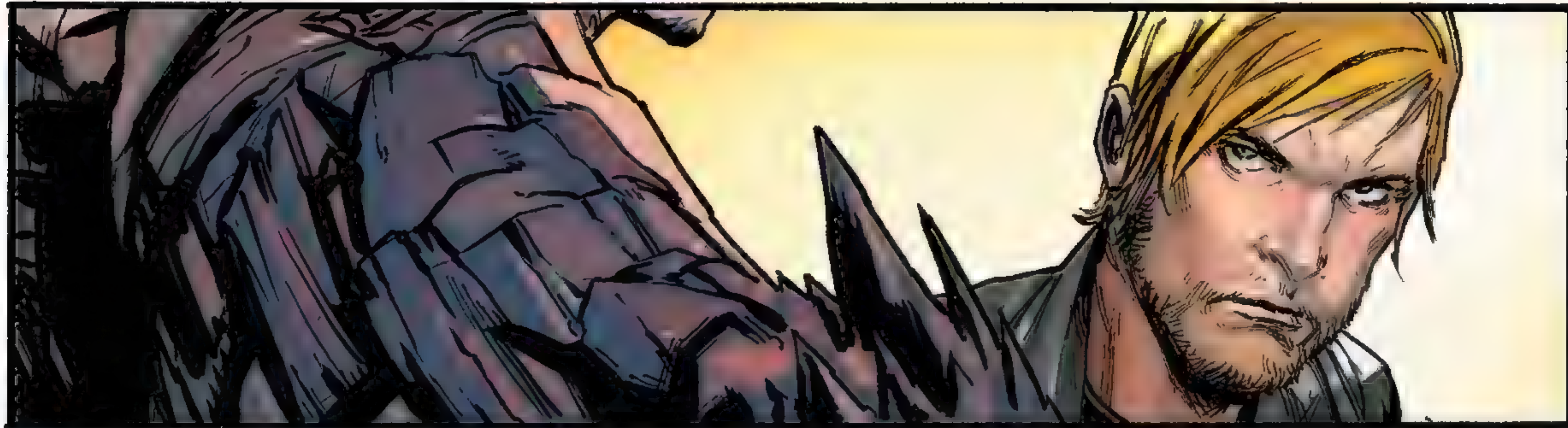
I AM
STAB!

KICK



AHH!





COME ON, LET'S ROLL. BILL, FIND US A WAY OFF THIS ROCK.

RICHARD, SEE IF YOU CAN TAP INTO THE NOVA CORPS AND---

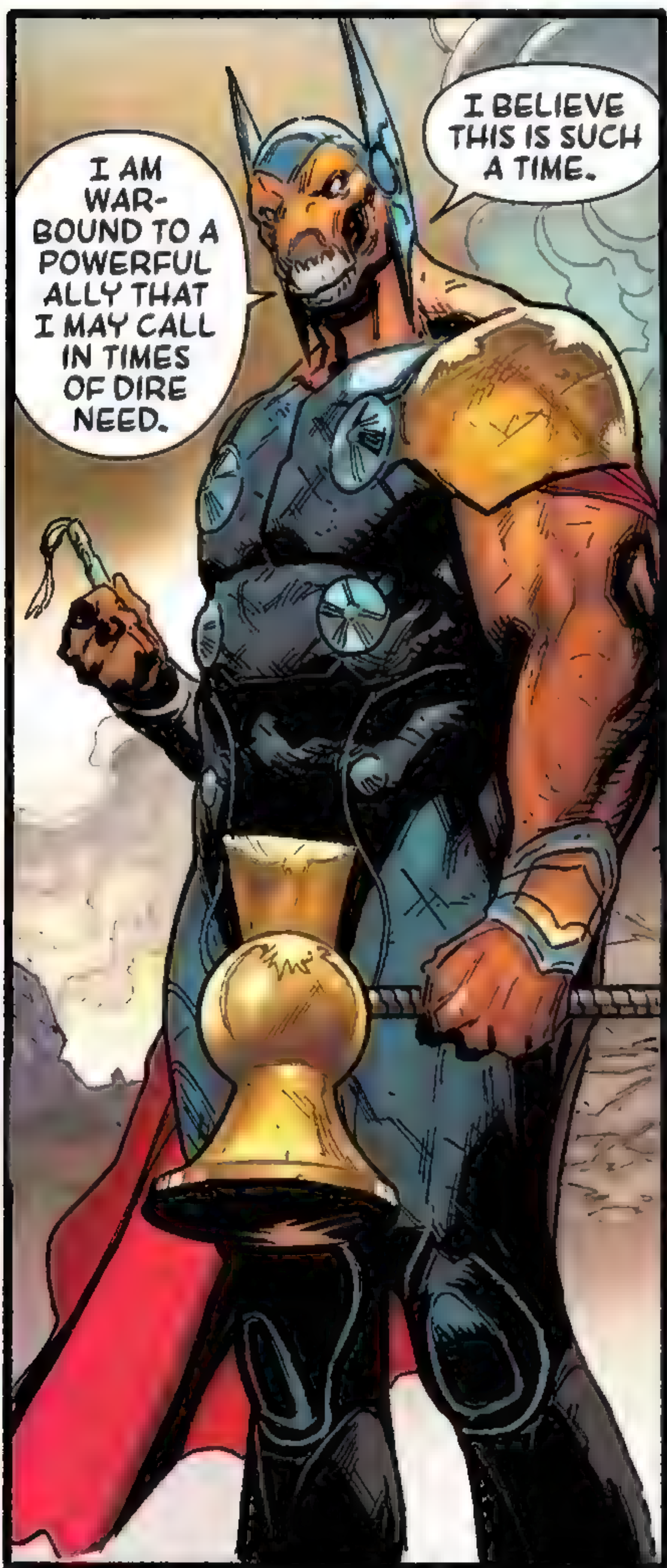
PETER...



...WE'RE IN THE WIND HERE...

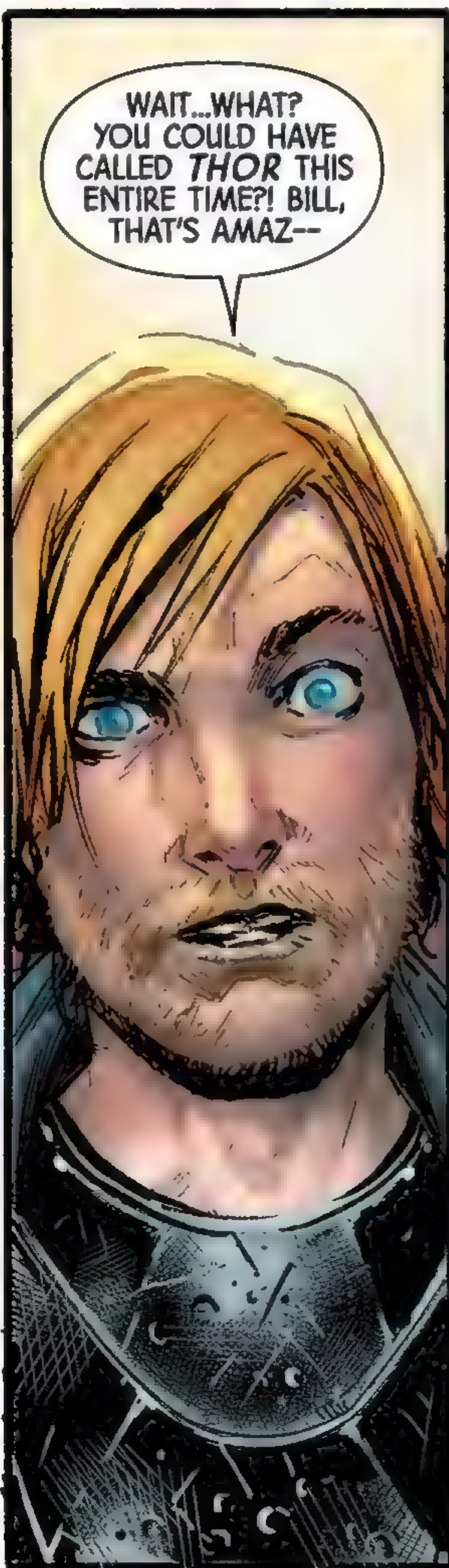
PHYLA-VELL'S RIGHT, MAN. I'M COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM THE CORPS. WE HAVE NO SHIP. WE HAVE NO IDEA IF GAMORA'S EVEN ALIVE, AND EVEN IF SHE WERE, WE HAVE NO WAY OF TRACKING HER.

NO. THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY.



I AM WAR-BOUND TO A POWERFUL ALLY THAT I MAY CALL IN TIMES OF DIRE NEED.

I BELIEVE THIS IS SUCH A TIME.



WAIT...WHAT? YOU COULD HAVE CALLED THOR THIS ENTIRE TIME?! BILL, THAT'S AMAZ--



HA! AND WHAT WOULD THOR DO THAT BETA RAY BILL CANNOT, STAR-LORD?

NAY, WE HAVE WARRIORS. GAMORA IS LOST SOMEWHERE AMONG THE STARS.

WHAT WE REQUIRE NOW...



...IS A
BLOODHOUND.

BWAMFF



...LOCKJAW?!



HAHA! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AS WELL, OLD FRIEND! TELL ME, HOW IS THE FAMILY? WHERE HAVE THEY SETTLED?

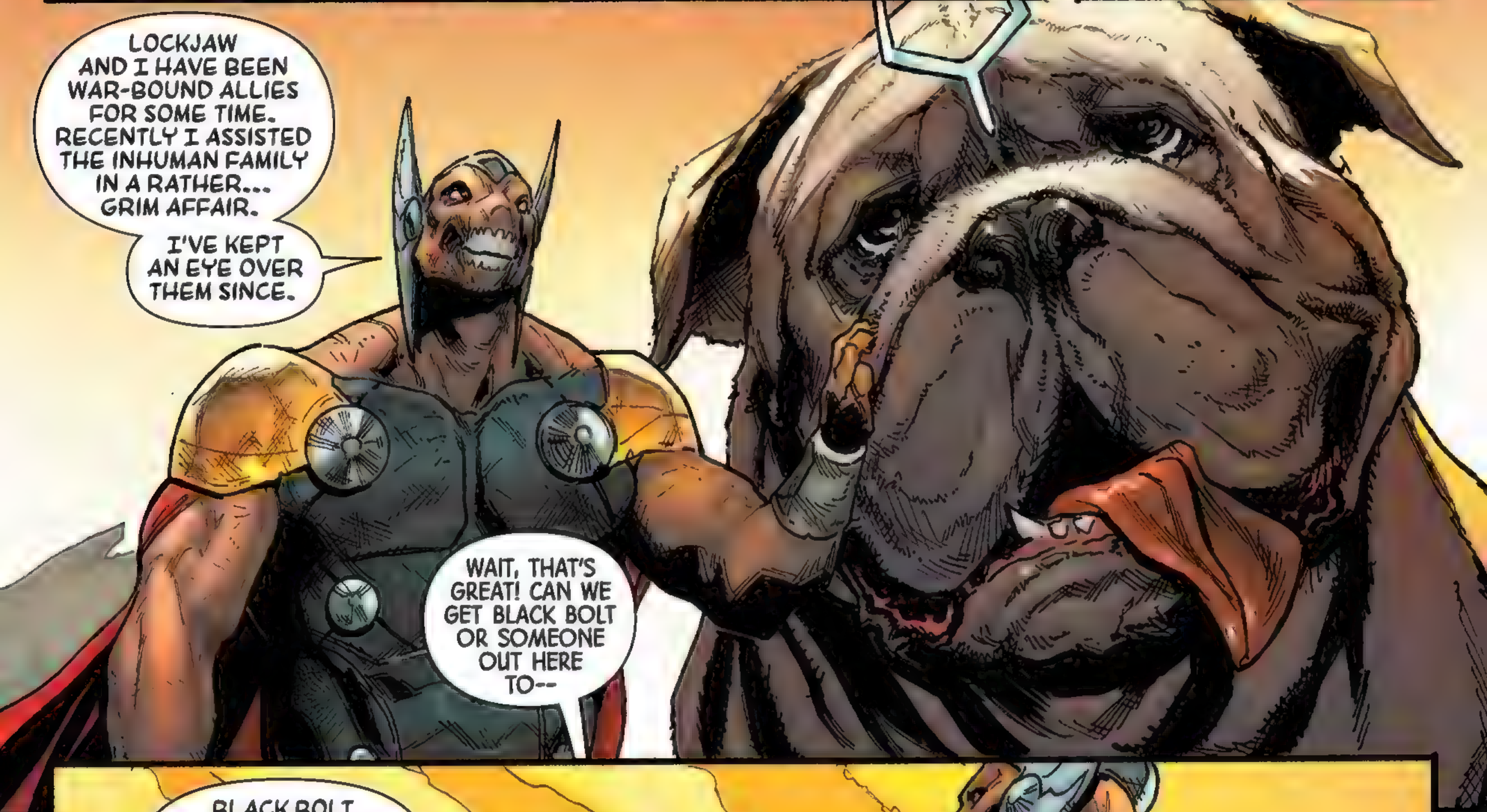
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

AH, A FINE CHOICE. TELL BLACKAGAR I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING HIS MESSAGES AND I--

UHHHH, BILL?



THE HELL, DUDE?



LOCKJAW AND I HAVE BEEN WAR-BOUND ALLIES FOR SOME TIME. RECENTLY I ASSISTED THE INHUMAN FAMILY IN A RATHER... GRIM AFFAIR.

I'VE KEPT AN EYE OVER THEM SINCE.

WAIT, THAT'S GREAT! CAN WE GET BLACK BOLT OR SOMEONE OUT HERE TO--



BLACK BOLT NO LONGER HAS HIS POWERS, AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF INHUMANS ARE DEAD OR IN HIDING.

SLAUGHTERED BY A BEING NAMED VOX UNDER ORDERS OF A MAD BAND OF KREE.*

WAIT, WHAT? HOW DID I NOT HEAR ABOUT THAT?

NOT MANY DID.

*SEE DEATH OF THE INHUMANS! --DS



THIS IS WHAT GAMORA WAS WEARING WHEN SHE WAS TAKEN.

LOCKJAW, CAN YOU TRACK HER?

SNIFF SNIFF



WOOF!

HE SAYS
YES, INDEED
HE CAN.

HE ALSO
WOULD LIKE YOU
ALL TO KNOW THAT HE IS
VERY SORRY ABOUT WHAT
HAS HAPPENED WITH
YOUR RACCOON FRIEND.



HE THOUGHT
HIM A BRAVE
WARRIOR AND IS
QUITE SADDENED
TO HEAR OF
WHAT HAS--



WE DON'T HAVE TIME
FOR THAT. LET'S DO THIS
IF WE'RE DOING IT.

VERY WELL, STAR-LORD. BUT KNOW
THIS...BY THE TIME WE ARRIVE, IT
IS POSSIBLE THAT GAMORA MAY
ALREADY BE--

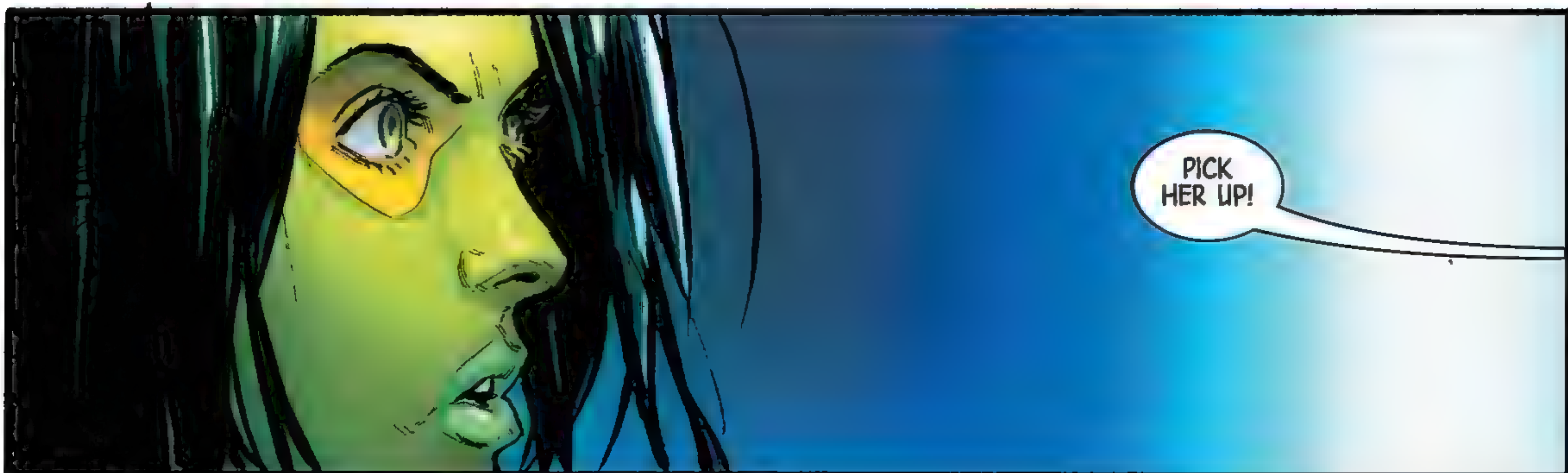


I KNOW.
DOESN'T
CHANGE A
THING...

DEAD OR
ALIVE...

"...NO ONE @#%\$S
WITH THE GUARDIANS."

EARLIER,
ABOARD THE LILANDRA IV,
FLAGSHIP DESTROYER OF
THE SHI'AR ROYAL ARMADA.





THIS IS NOT
HER FAULT, AND
THERE IS NO NEED
TO BE...CRUEL.



HELLO,
GAMORA.

IT IS...
GOOD TO
SEE YOU.



THIS ONE
WAS MADE A
PROMISE.

YES, WRAITH.
THE INFORMATION
YOU ASKED FOR
ABOUT THE BEING
KNOWN AS *KNULL*.



THE INFORMATION
ON THIS DRIVE WAS...
DIFFICULT TO COME BY.
I DON'T CLAIM TO
UNDERSTAND IT ALL BUT...
I HOPE IT BRINGS
YOU SOME PEACE.



I THOUGHT YOU
WERE BETTER THAN
THIS, UNCLE EROS...

STILL PLAYING
THE LACKEY TO
MY FATHER...

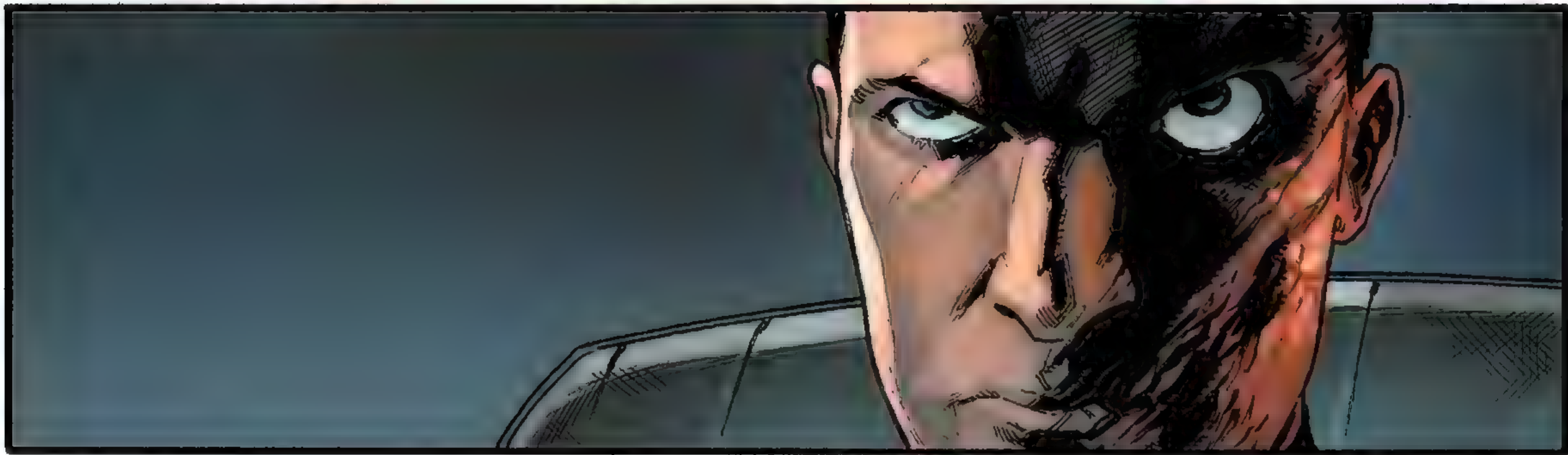


YOUR
"FATHER."

HE NEVER
CARED ABOUT
YOU. YOU KNOW
THAT, YES? YOU WERE
ALWAYS A PAWN
FOR HIM.

SOMETHING
TO BARGAIN
WITH.

TO USE. HE
MADE YOU FOR
THIS. FOR THIS
MOMENT. SO YOU
WOULD BECOME
HIM.



WE'LL
TAKE IT FROM
HERE.

AGH!!!

FWIFH





KALLARK, I BELIEVE YOUR KIND DERIVES THEIR POWER FROM THEIR CONFIDENCE, YES?

I WONDER...

AGH...
UGH...

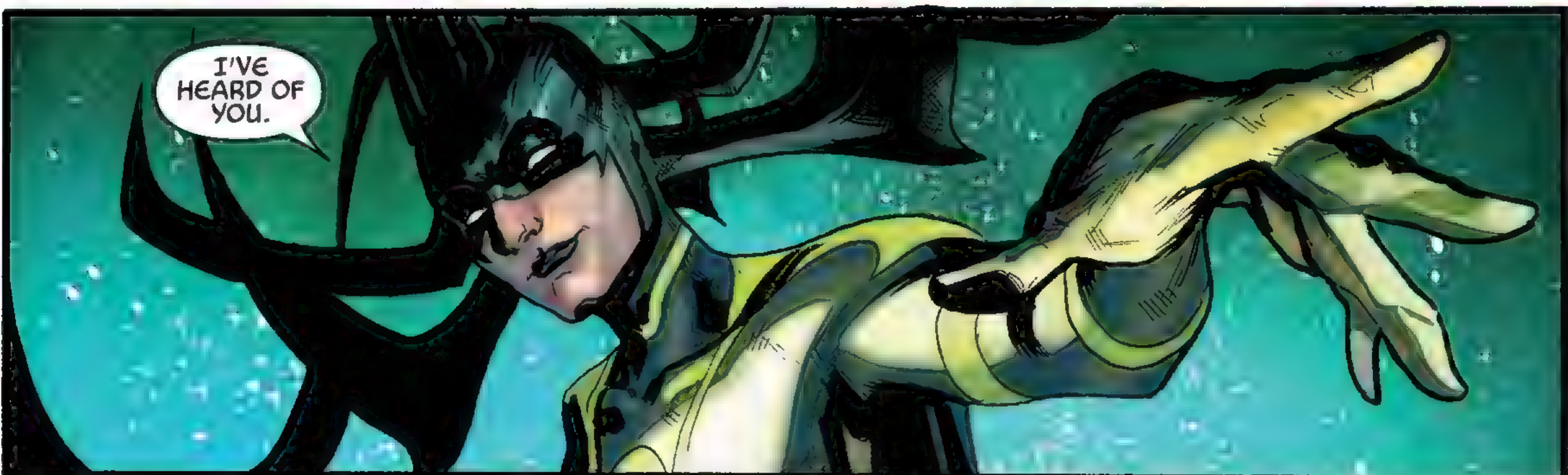


...HOW STRONG DO YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW?

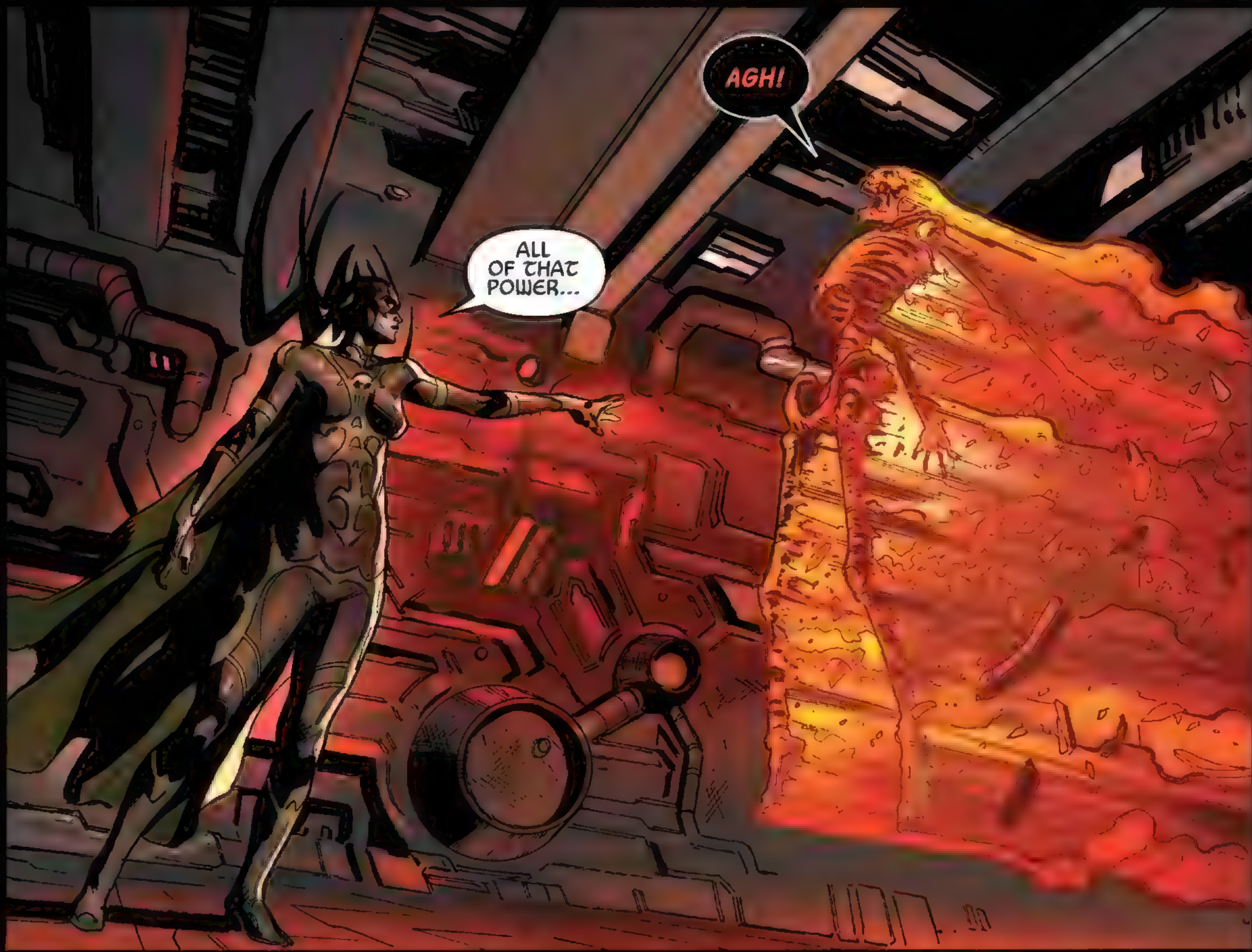


WELL, I FEEL PRETTY @#\$%&# GOOD!

AH, THE RIDER.



I'VE HEARD OF YOU.





...Anyone ELSE?



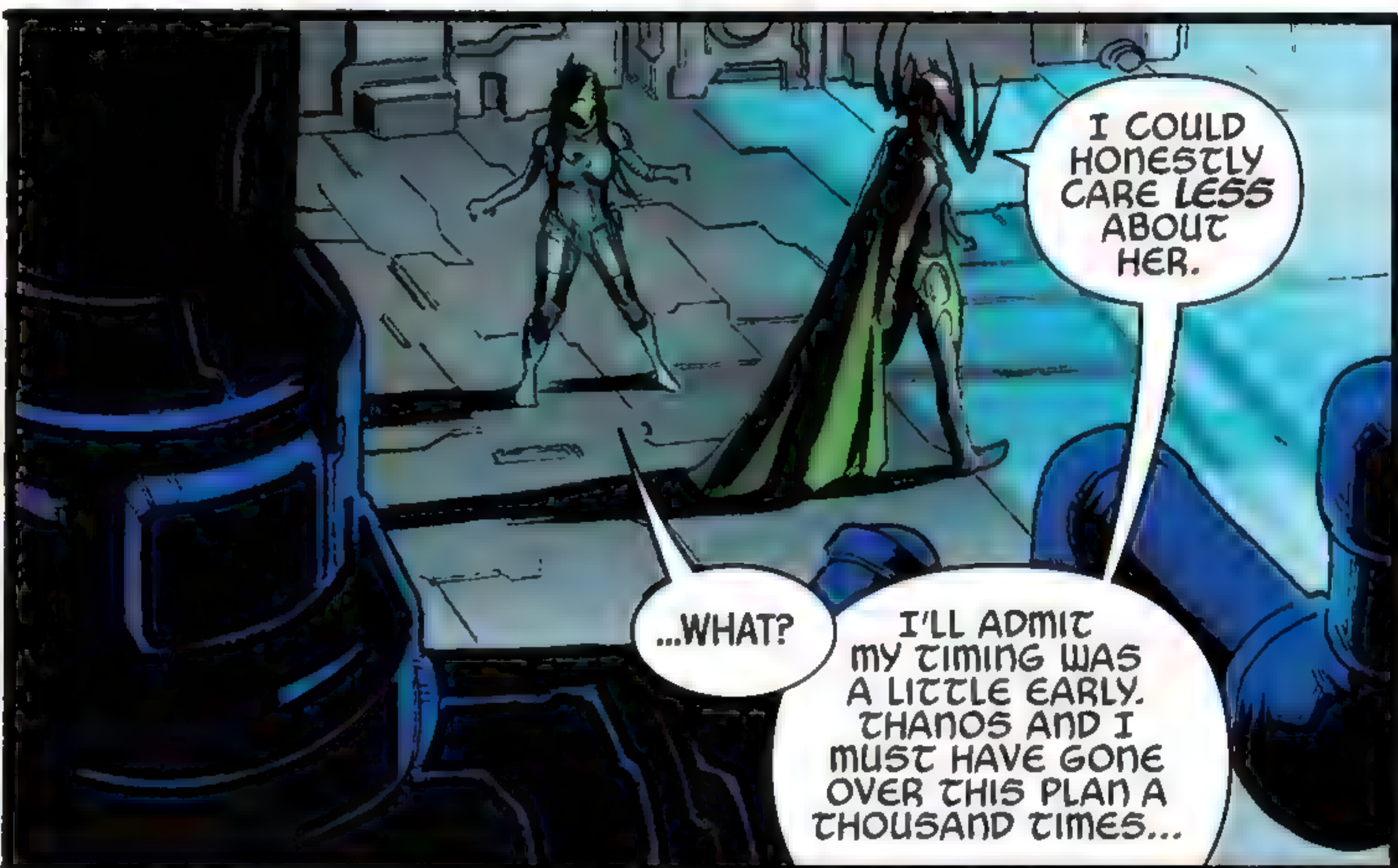
THIS ONE HAS WHAT HE CAME FOR. HE HAS NO QUARREL WITH YOU, HELA.

DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH HER, YOU MISERABLE @\$%\$...



mmmm...

OH-- GAMORA?



I COULD HONESTLY CARE LESS ABOUT HER.

...WHAT?

I'LL ADMIT MY TIMING WAS A LITTLE EARLY. THANOS AND I MUST HAVE GONE OVER THIS PLAN A THOUSAND TIMES...



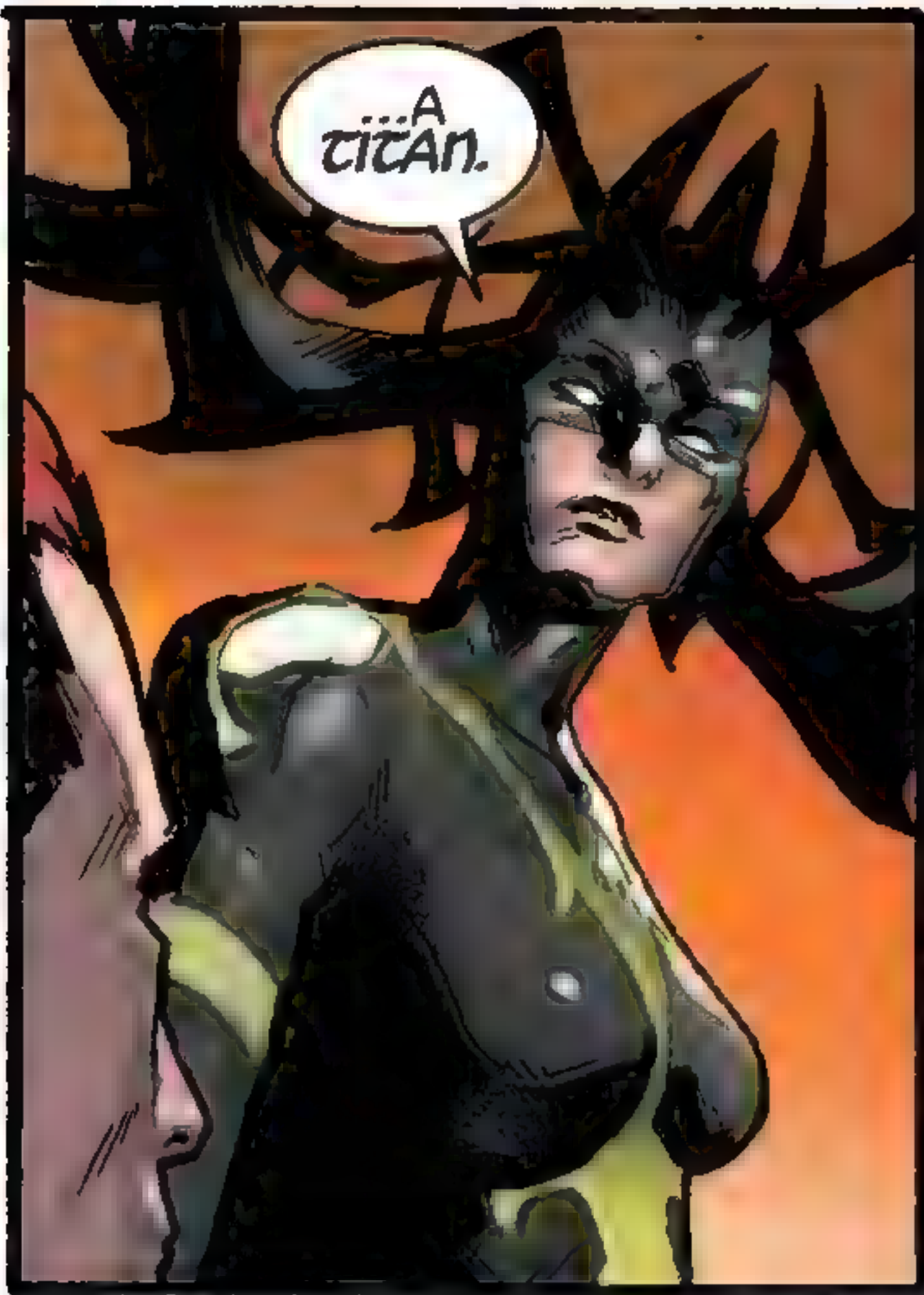
PIT YOU ALL AGAINST EACH OTHER SO YOU WOULDN'T SEE THE PIECES COMING TOGETHER RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR FACE...

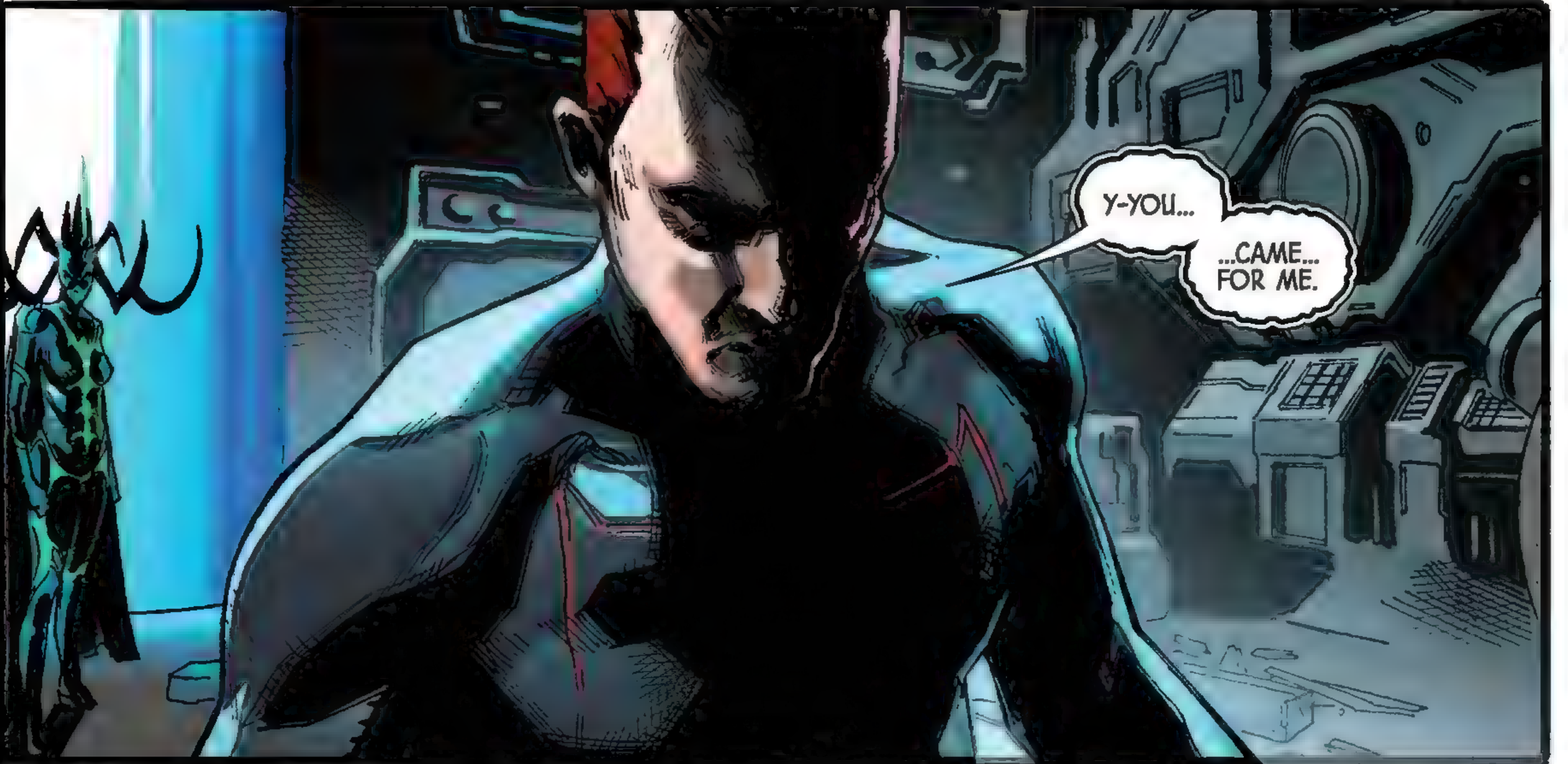
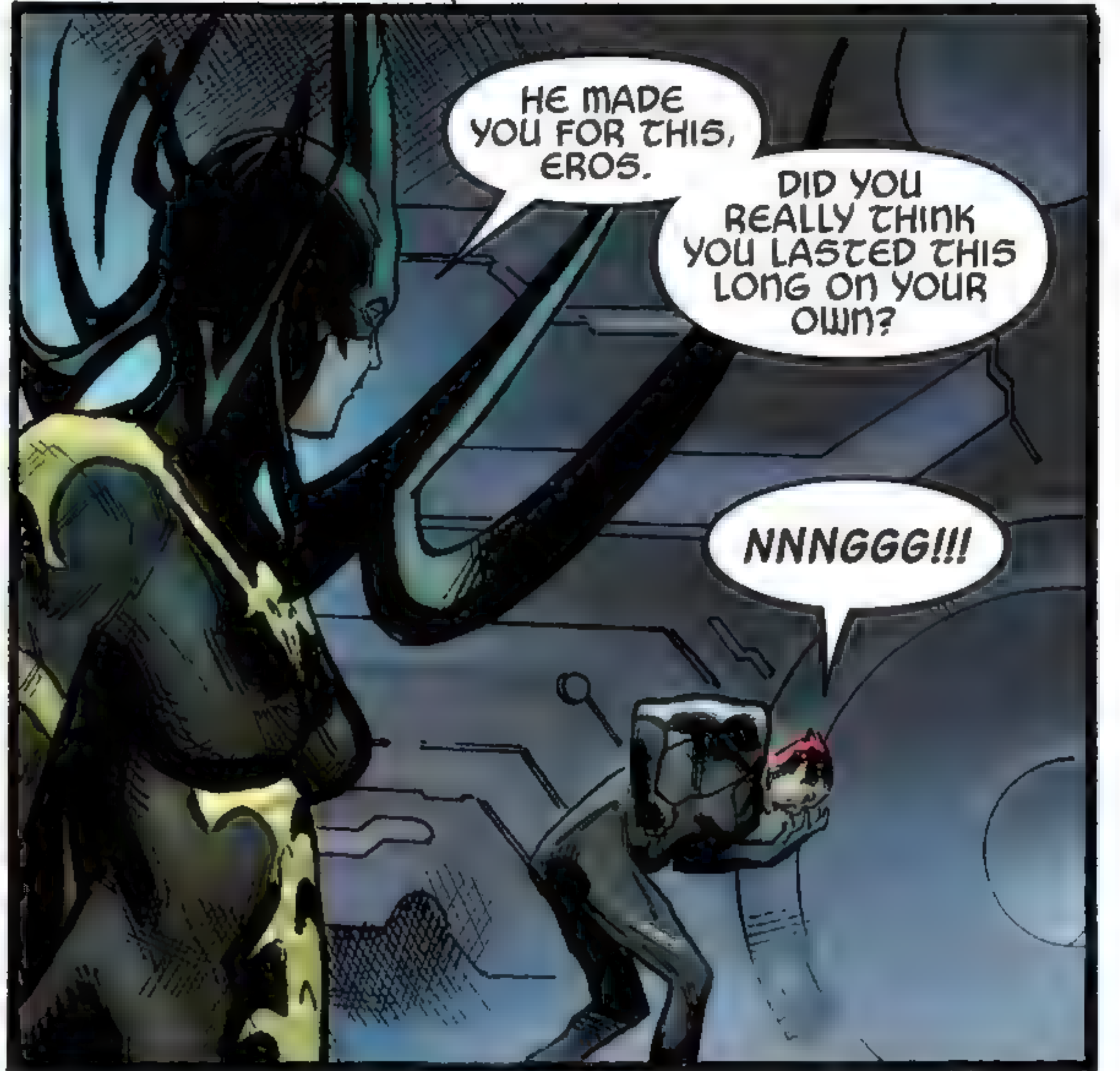
HONESTLY... THE GIRL?

DO TRY HARDER.



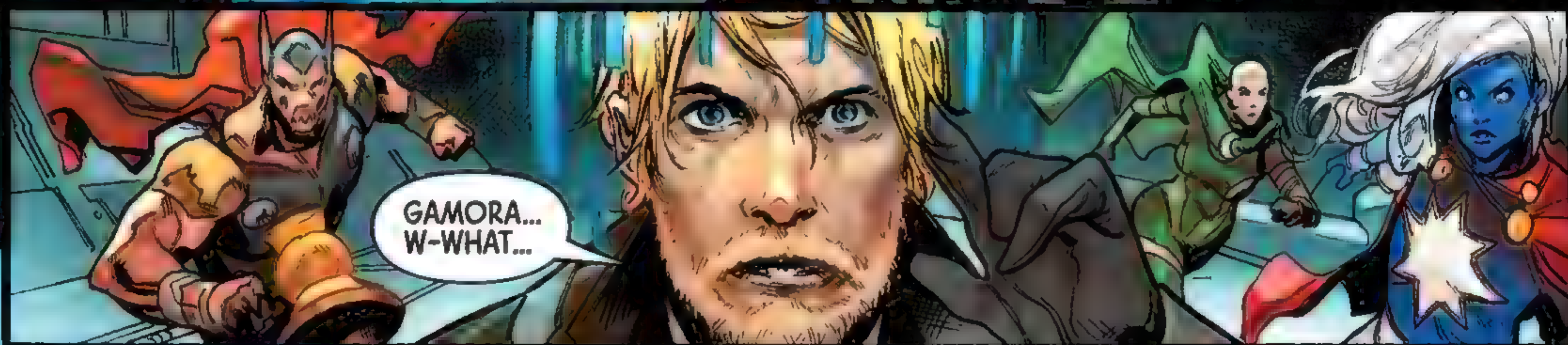
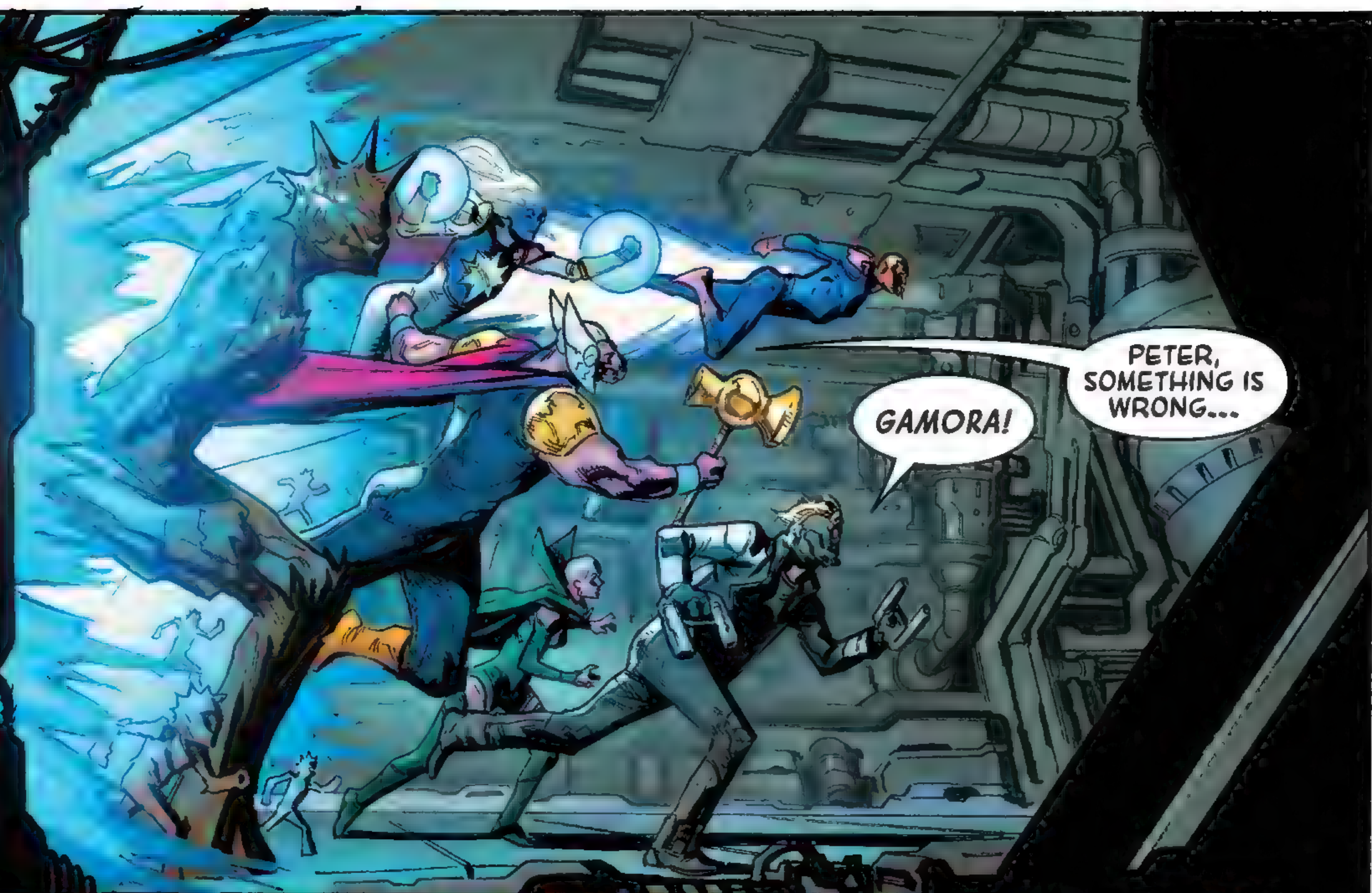
NO, THANOS WAS ALWAYS GOING TO COME BACK AS ONE THING...AND ONE THING ONLY...

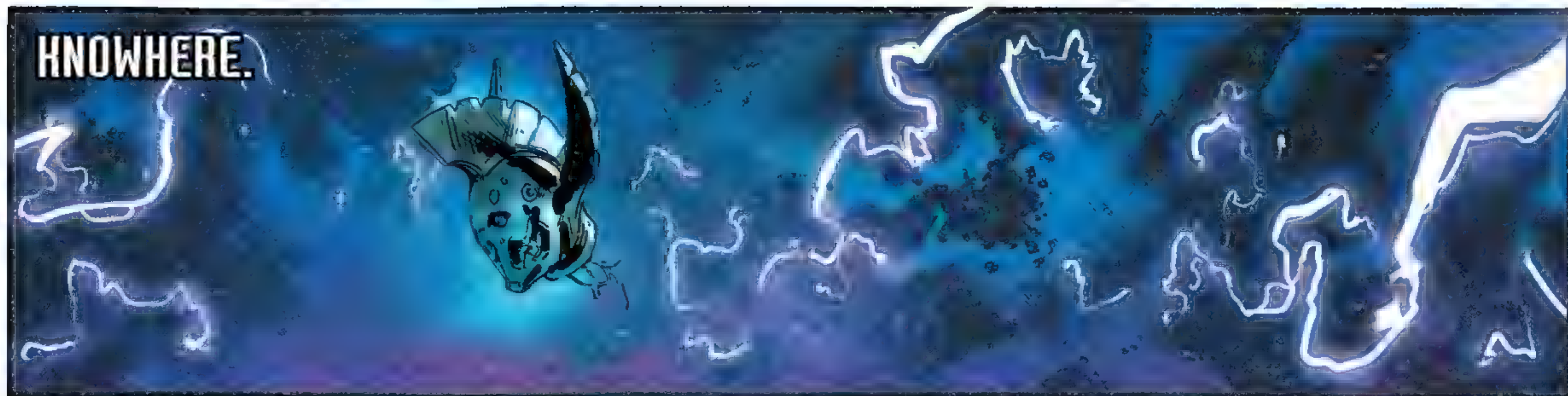




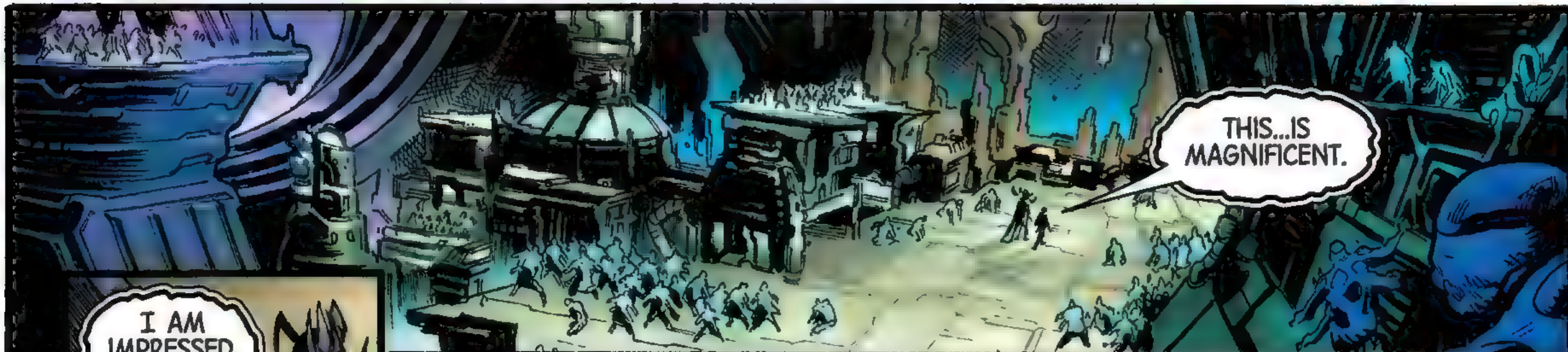


LATER...





KNOWHERE.



THIS...IS
MAGNIFICENT.



I AM
IMPRESSED,
MY LOVE.
YOU'VE
DONE WELL.



YOU
FLATTER. I
ADMIT IT'S NOT
PERFECT...

BUT
THEN...

...GIVING
LIFE ISN'T
EXACTLY MY
SPECIALTY...

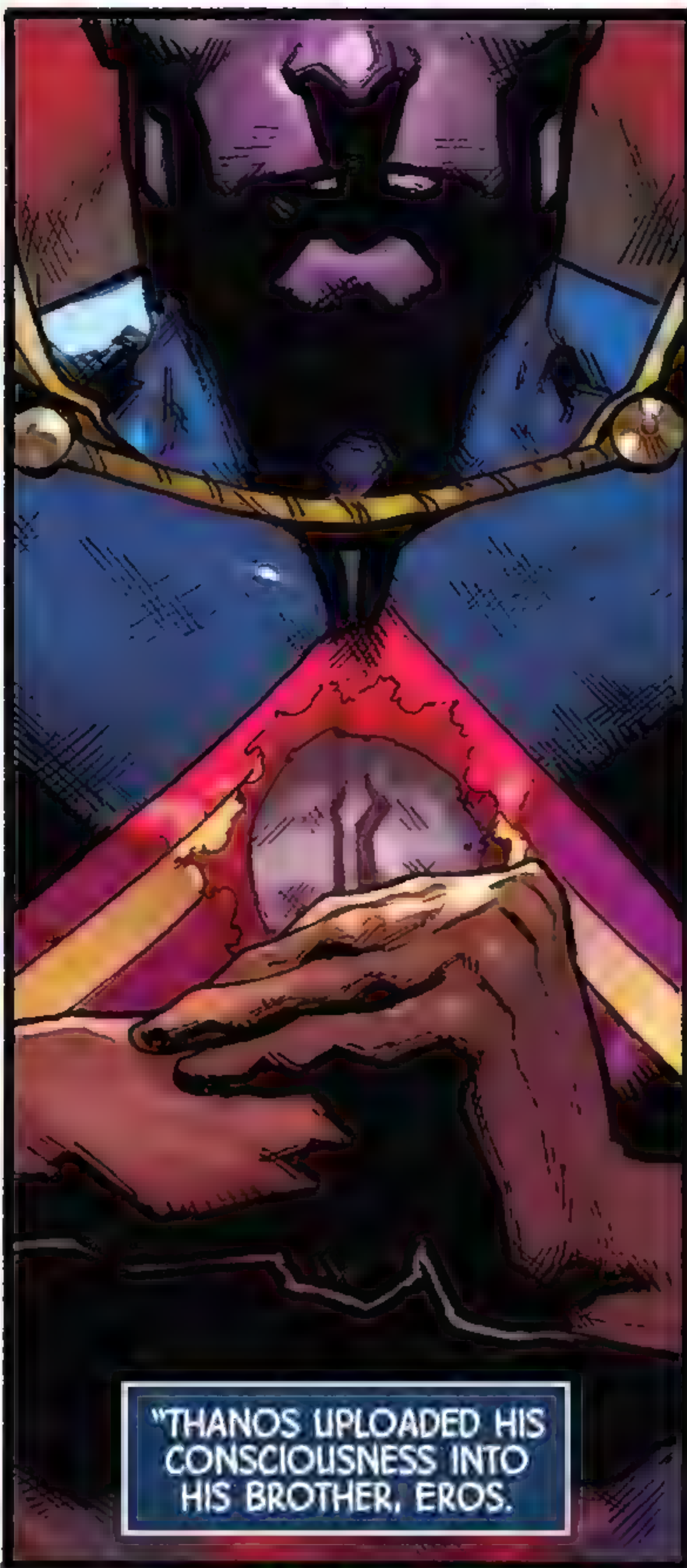




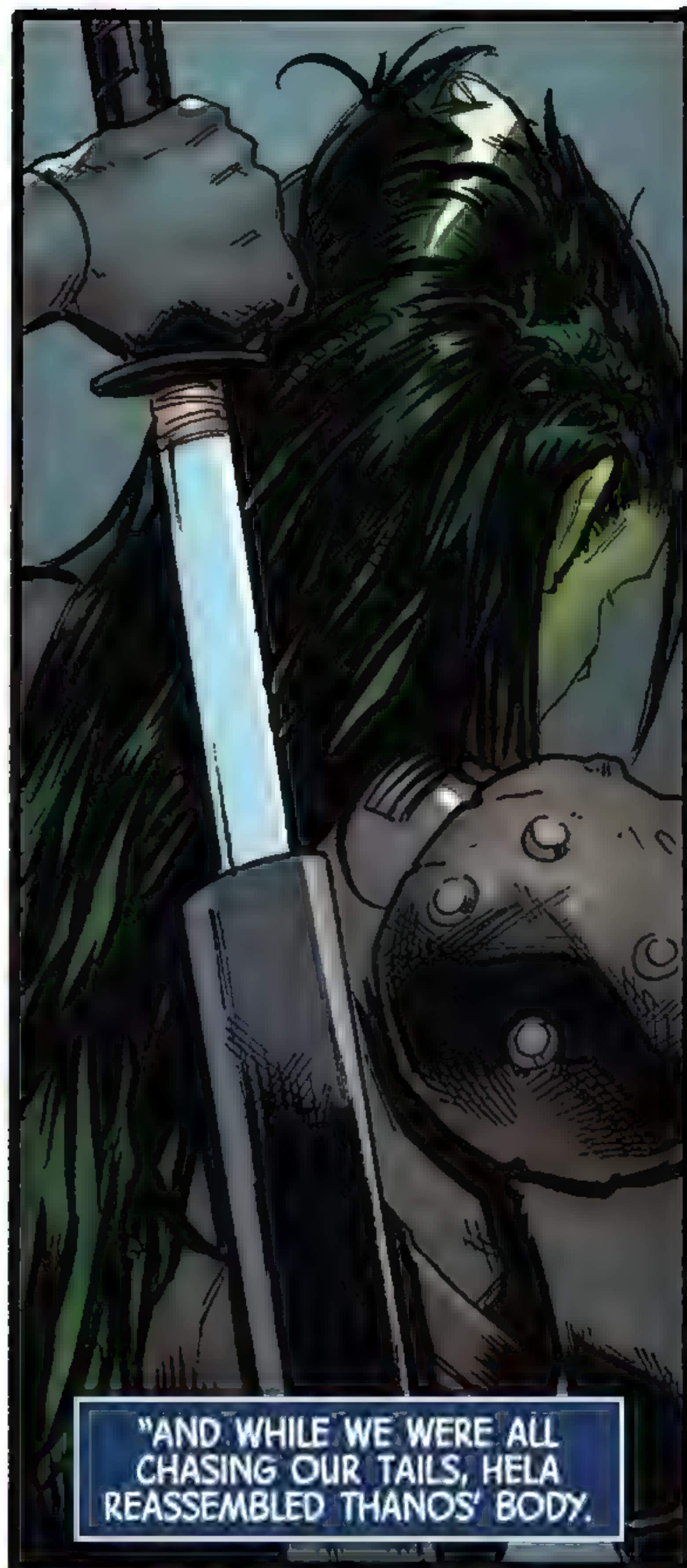




OKAY,
LISTEN
UP.
WE GOT
PLAYED.



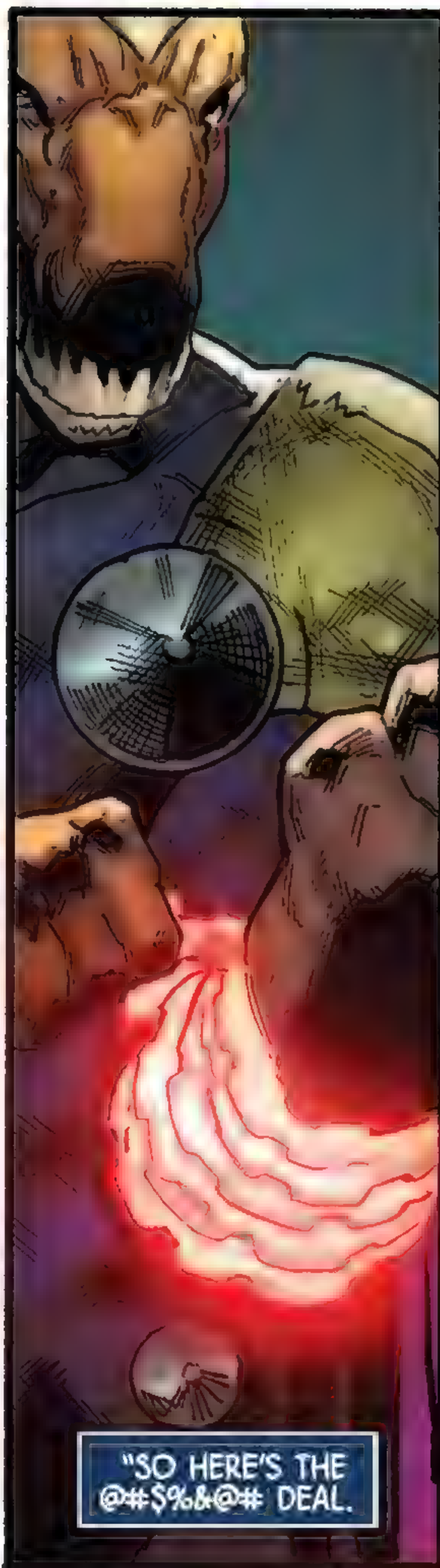
"THANOS UPLOADED HIS
CONSCIOUSNESS INTO
HIS BROTHER, EROS.



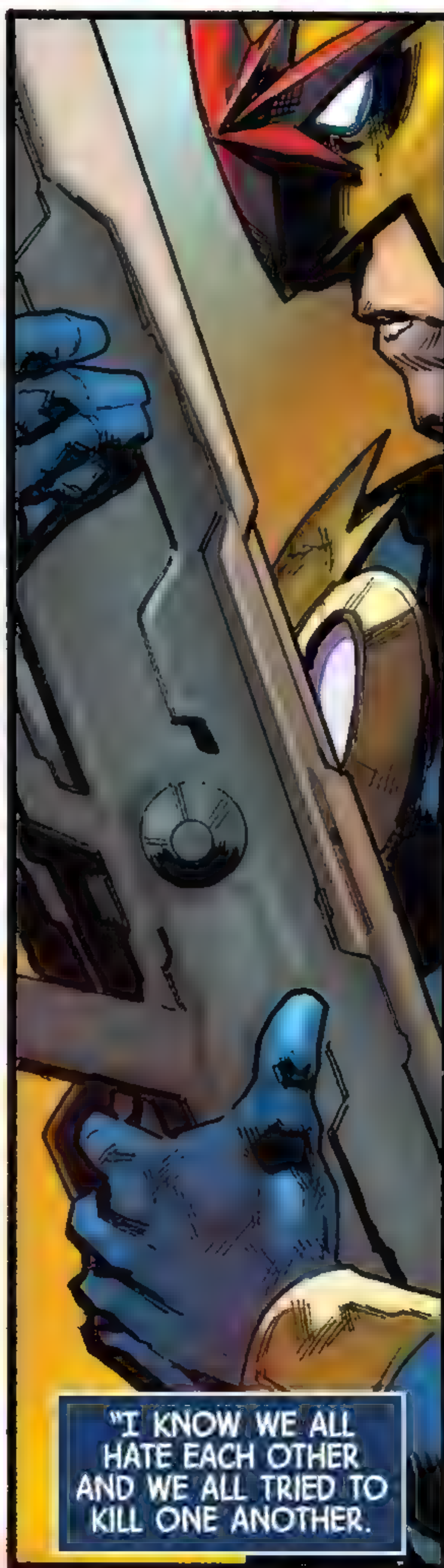
"AND WHILE WE WERE ALL
CHASING OUR TAILS, HELA
REASSEMBLED THANOS' BODY.



"NOW SHE'S TAKEN EROS
TO KNOWWHERE. TO DO
WHAT? I DON'T KNOW.
BUT IT ALL ADDS UP
TO A NEW THANOS.



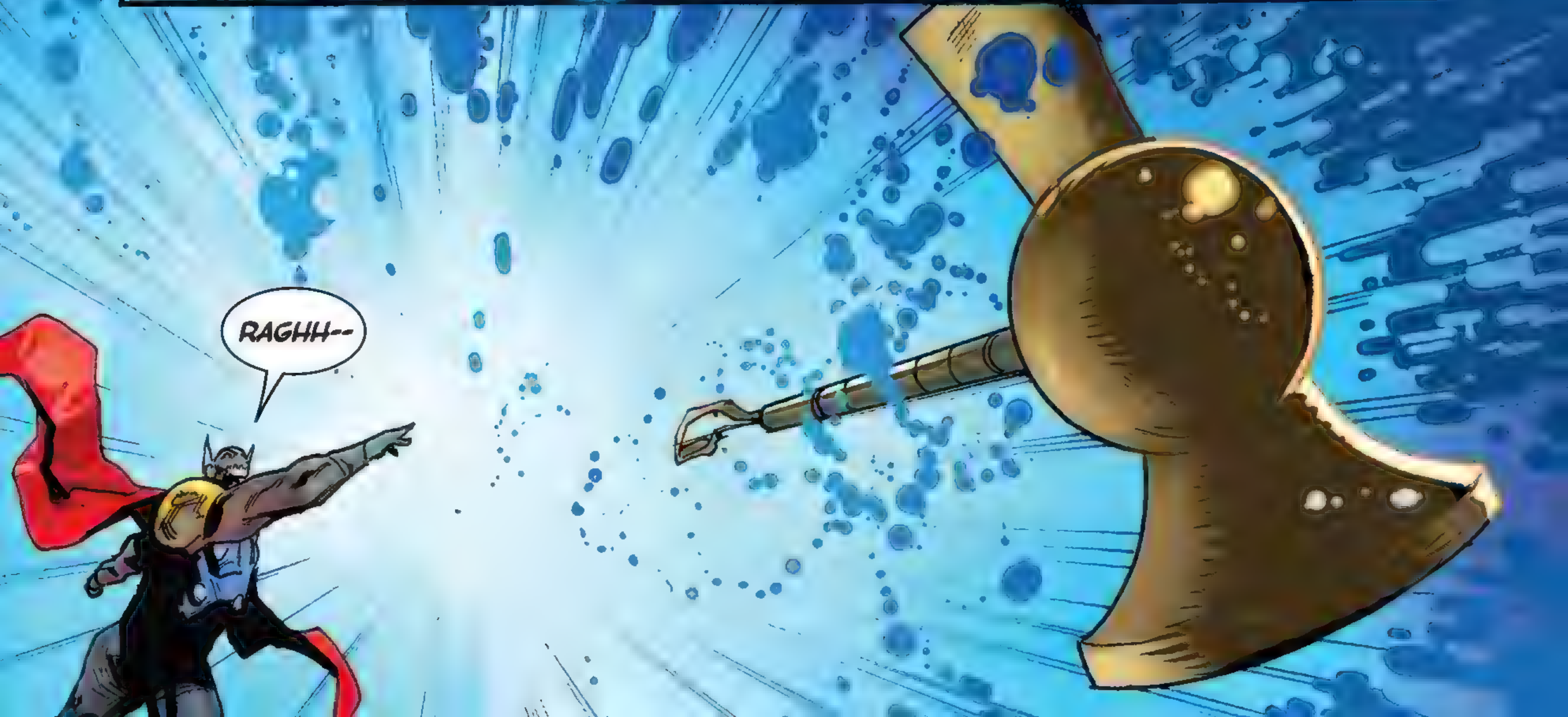
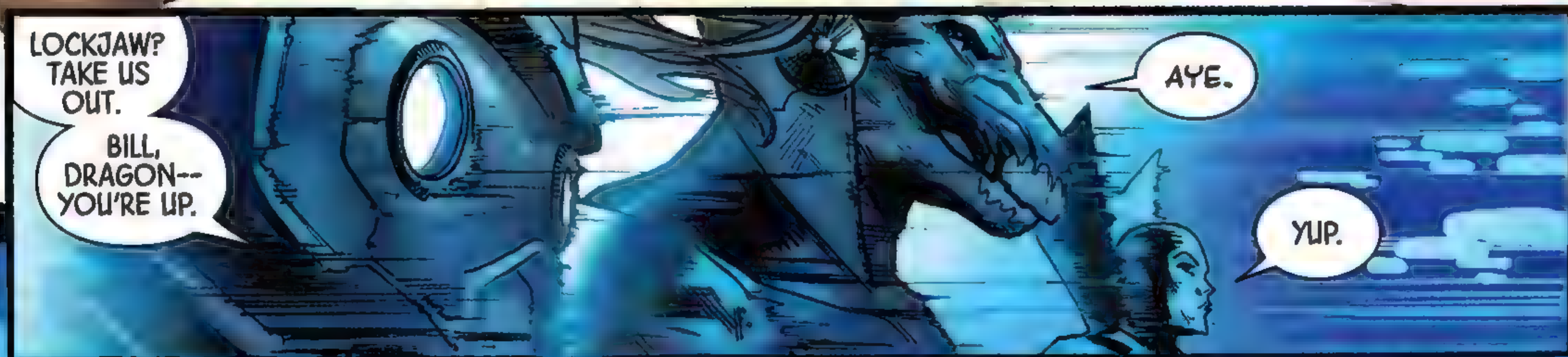
"SO HERE'S THE
@#%&@# DEAL.



"I KNOW WE ALL
HATE EACH OTHER
AND WE ALL TRIED TO
KILL ONE ANOTHER.



"BUT FROM NOW
ON, AND UNTIL THE
JOB IS DONE..."



KNOWHERE.
THE FINAL GAUNTLET.

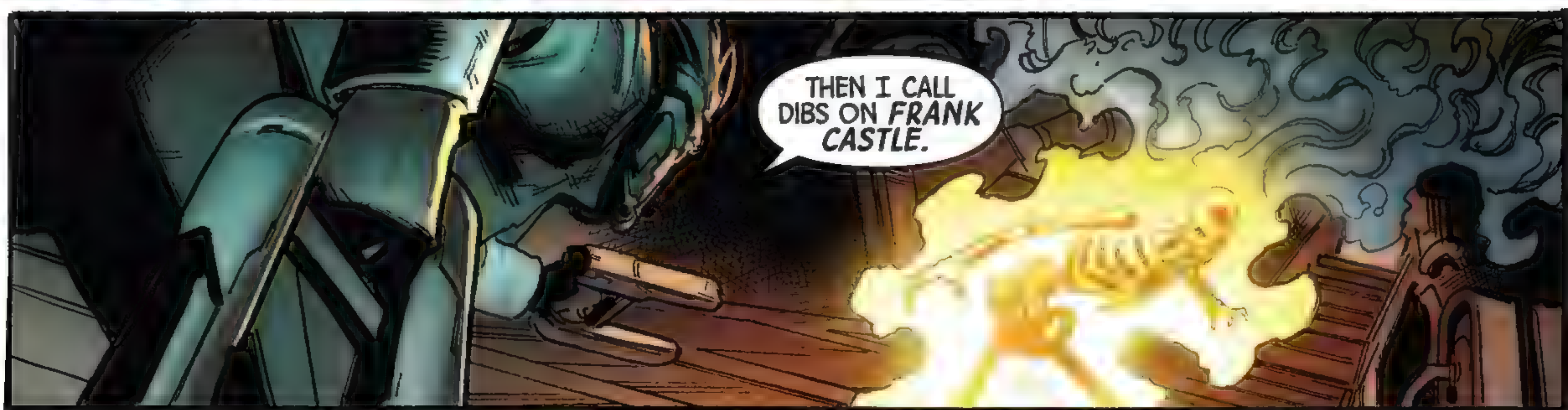


--AGH!!!

HA!
YOU DON'T
HONESTLY
BELIEVE
THAT--

RAGGHH!!!
no!

K
RAK
OOOM





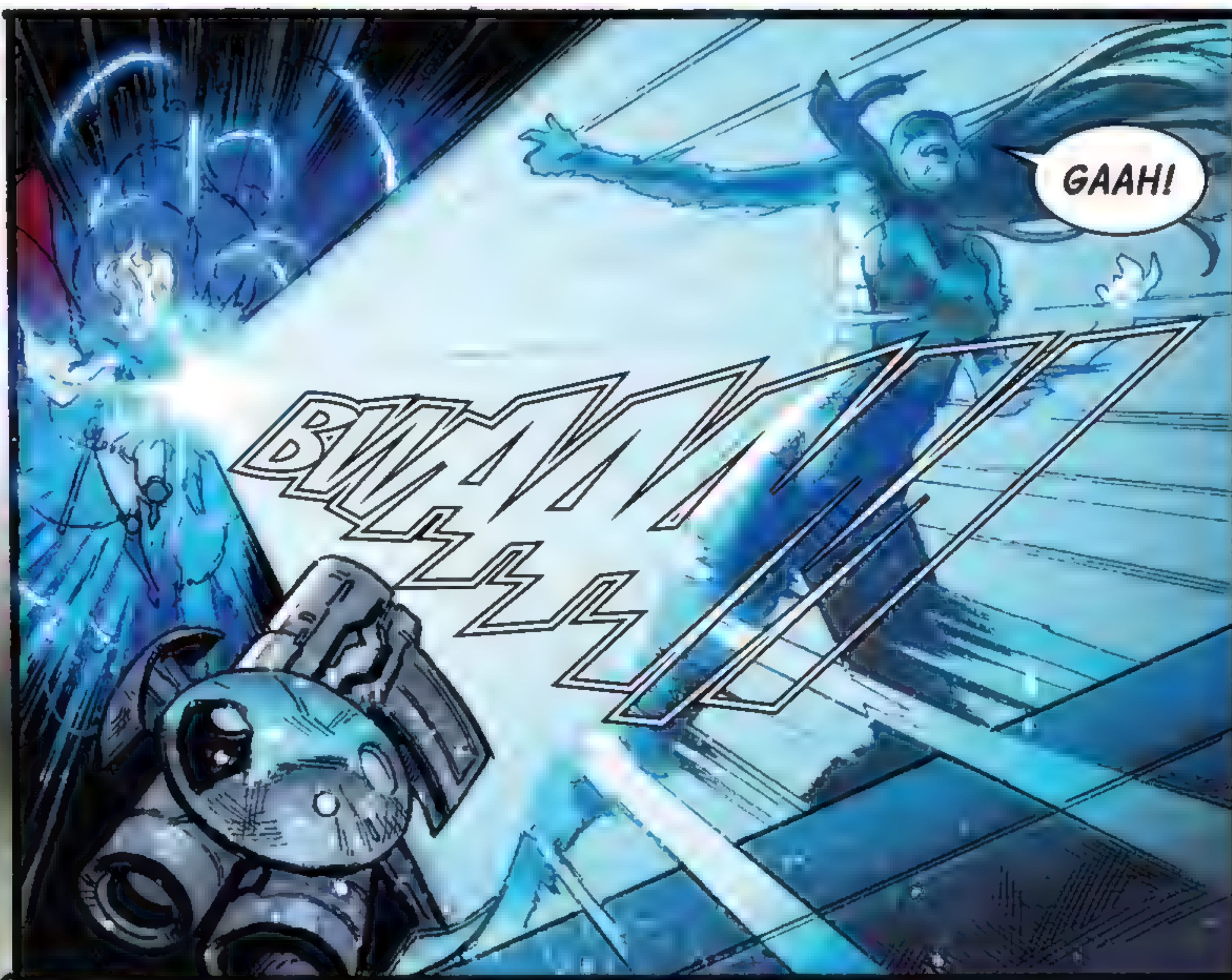
CAREFUL, PROXIMA MIDNIGHT HOLDS A WEAPON THAT MANIFESTS BLACK HOLES.

TRUST ME, I REMEMBER.

WAIT, WHICH ONE IS SHE?



THIS ONE.



GAAH!



WHAT THE...



OH, COME ON, BOYS.

DON'T ACT LIKE YOU AREN'T IMPRESSED.



COME ON,
CASTLE! FIGHT
BACK, YOU
TRAITOR!

PETER...
NO...



PL-PLEASE...
STOP...

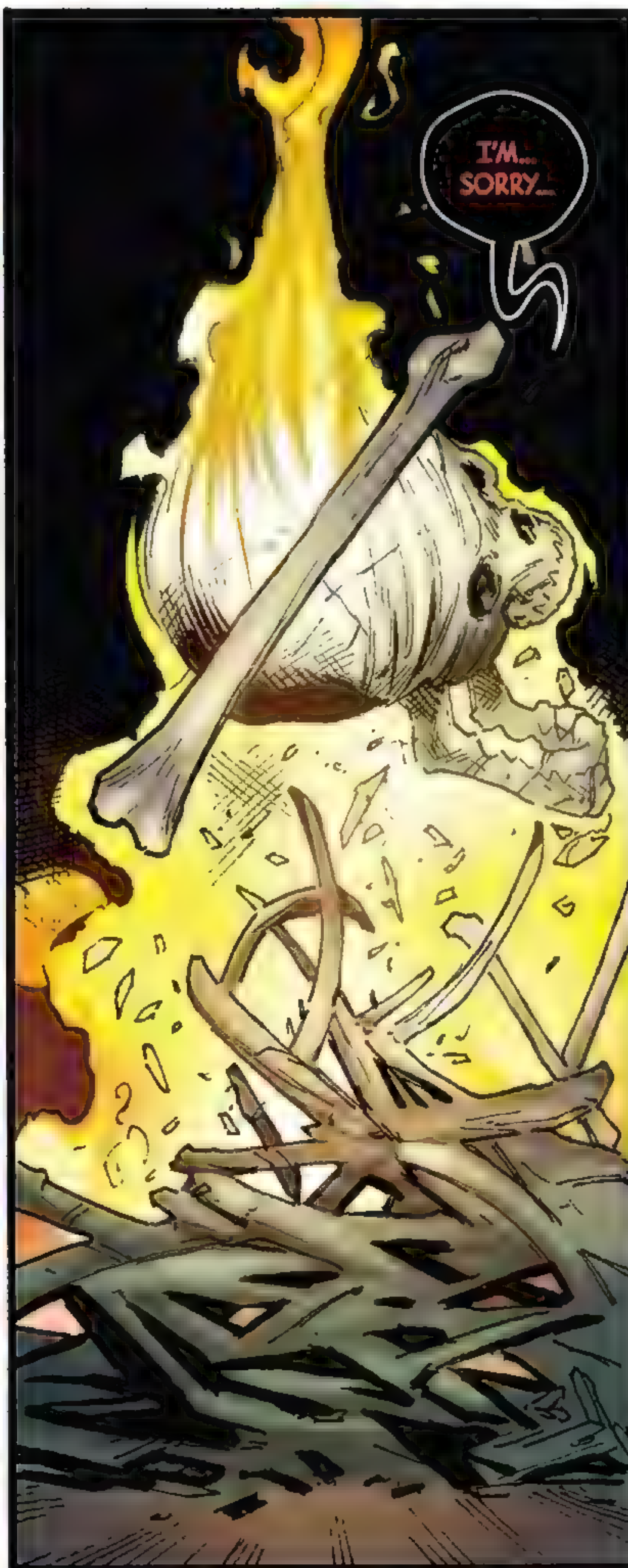


WH-WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING
ON...

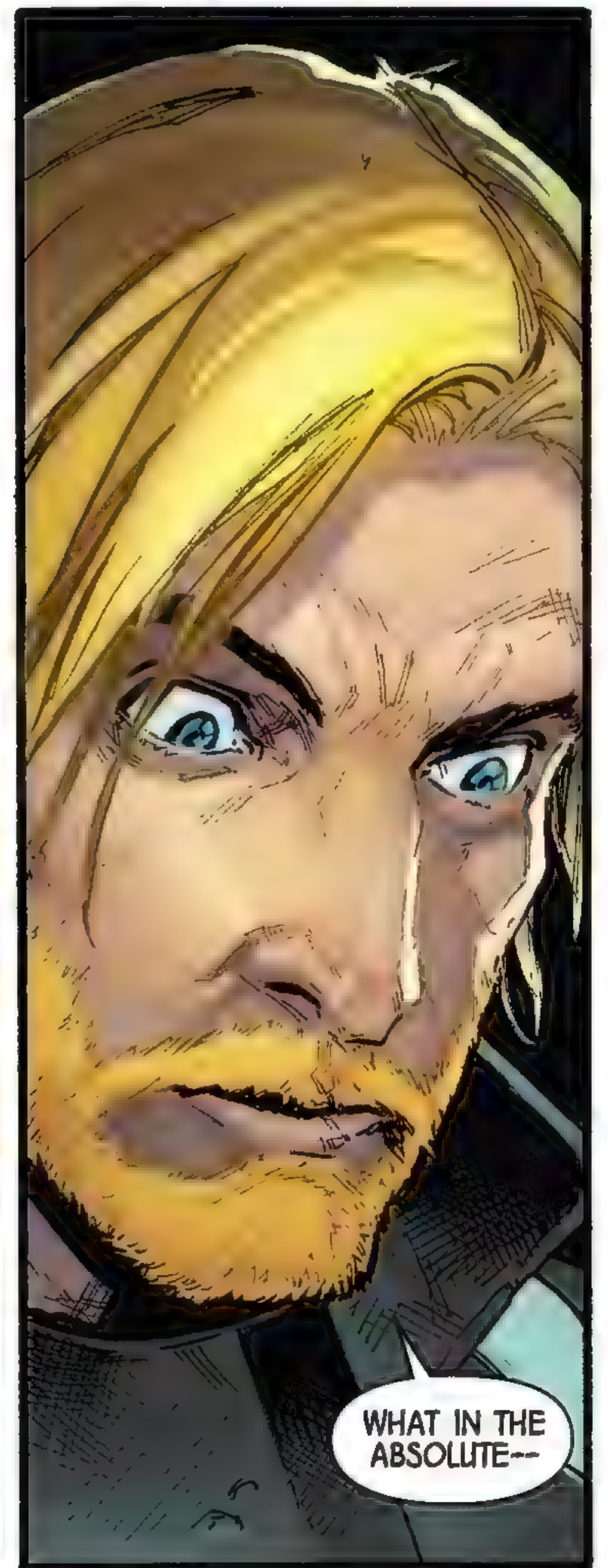


HE-HELA'S
HOLD...ON
ME...

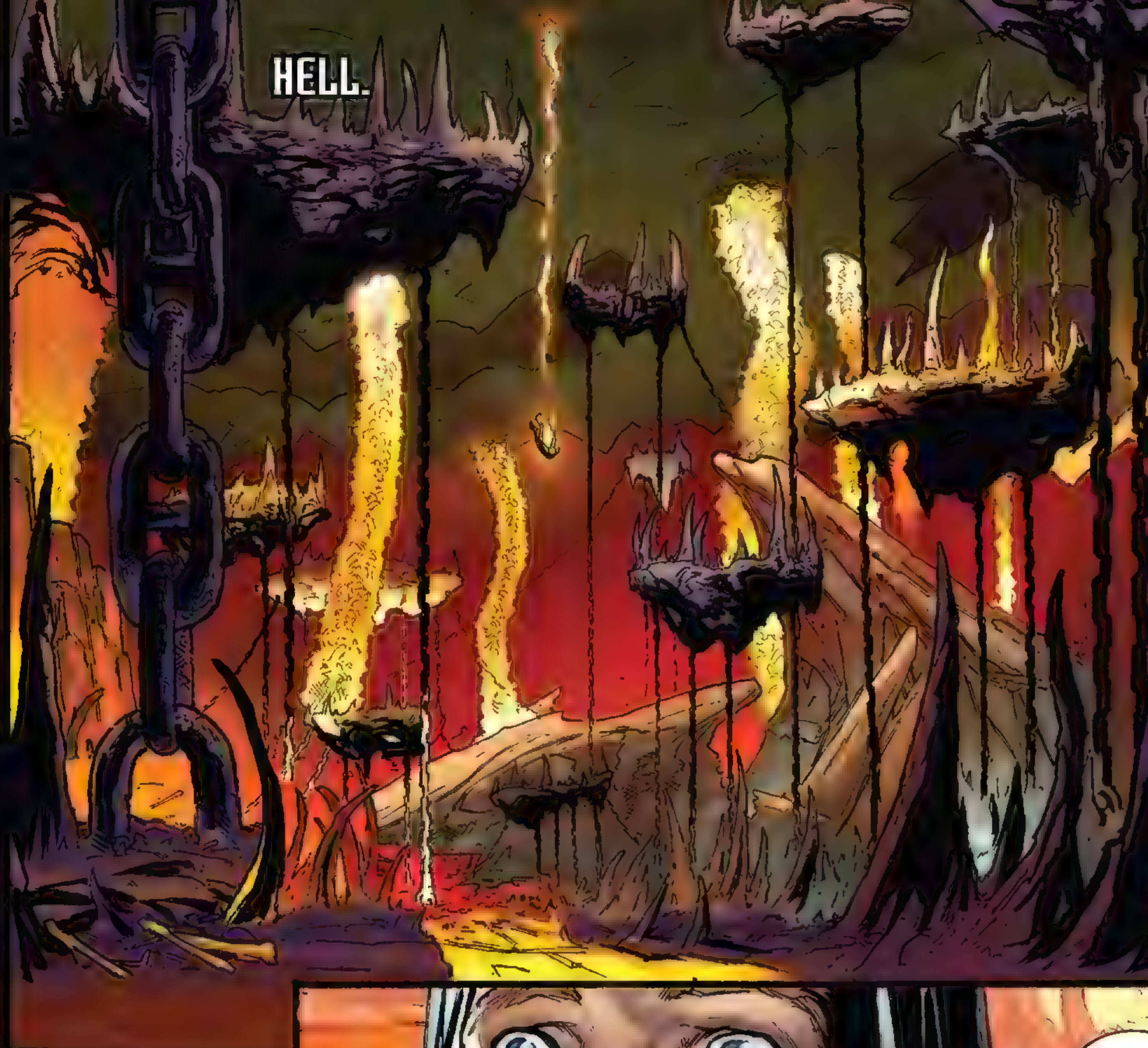
WEAKENING...
I...I CAN'T
HOLD TO-
TOGETHER...



I'M...
SORRY...



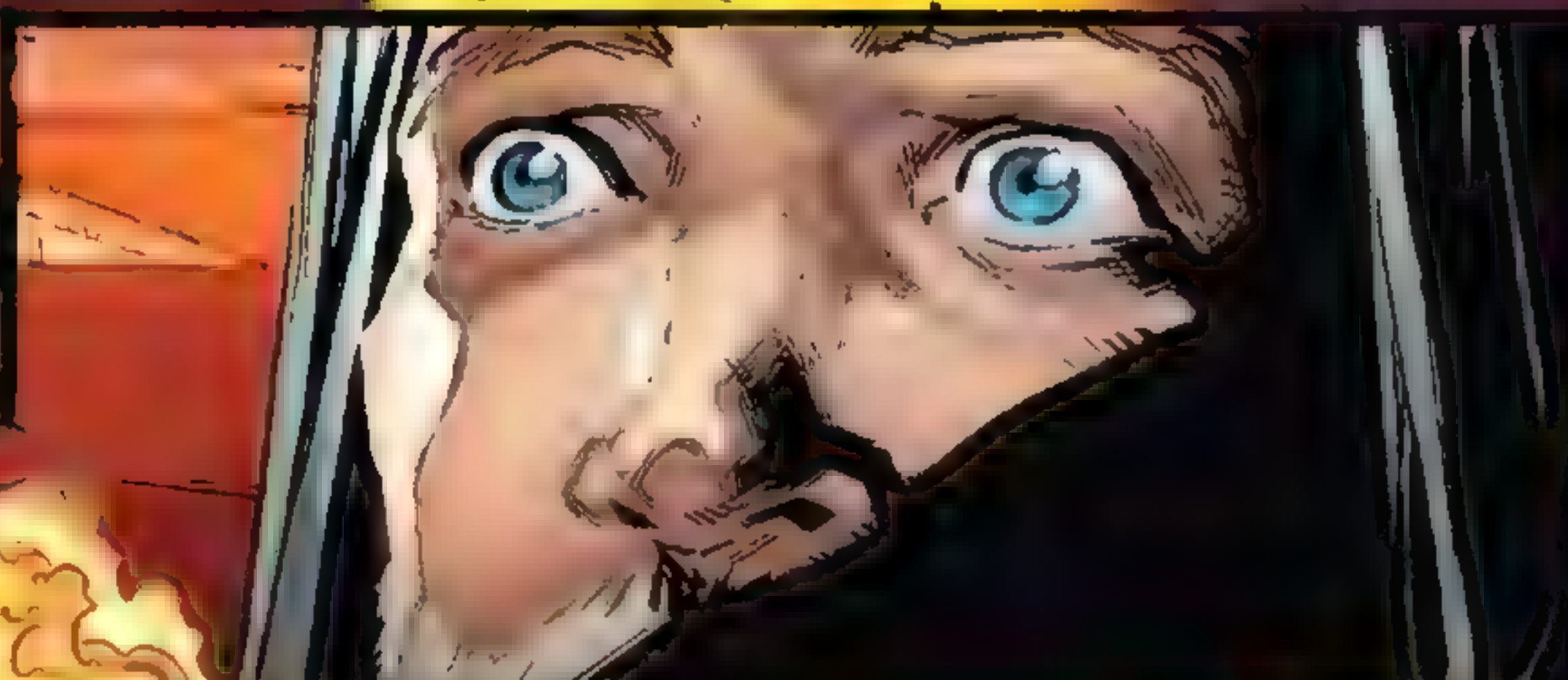
WHAT IN THE
ABSOLUTE---



HELL.



AGH... WHAT... WHERE THE...

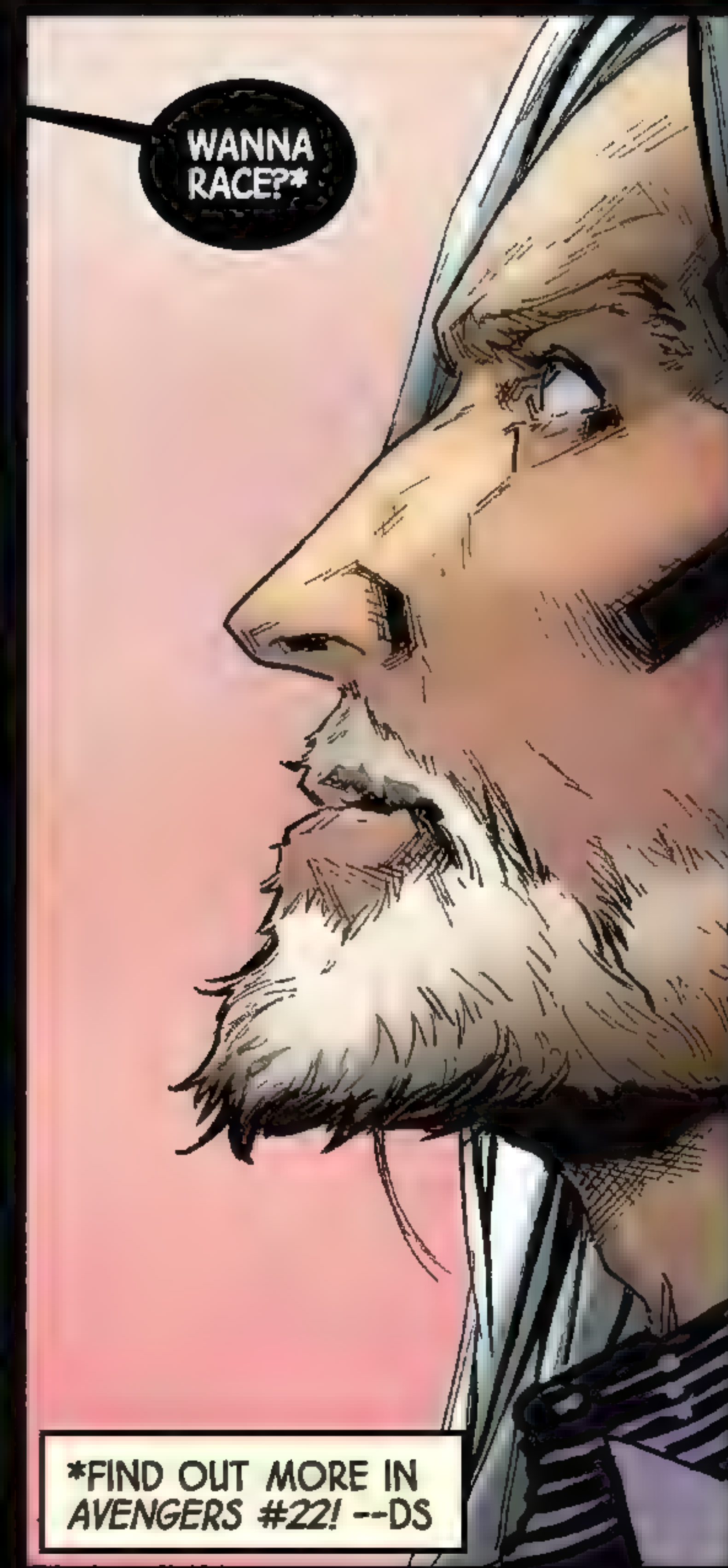


OH, NO WAY...



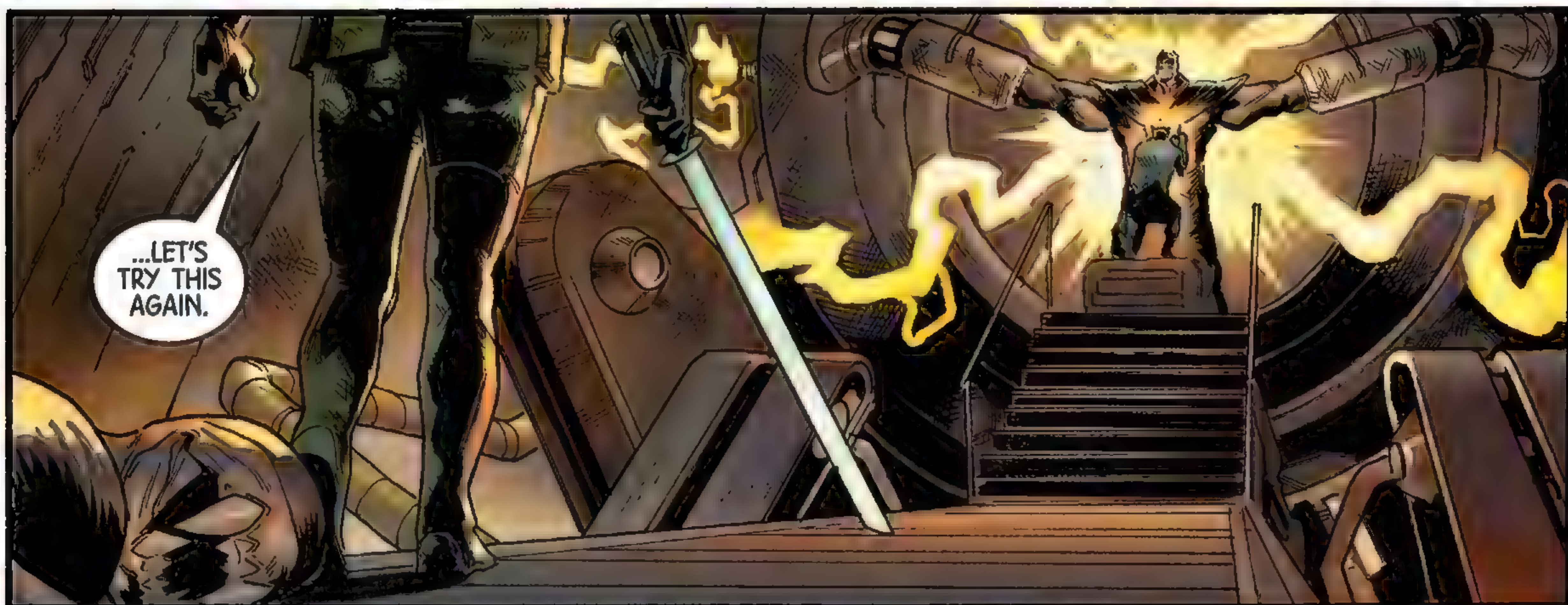
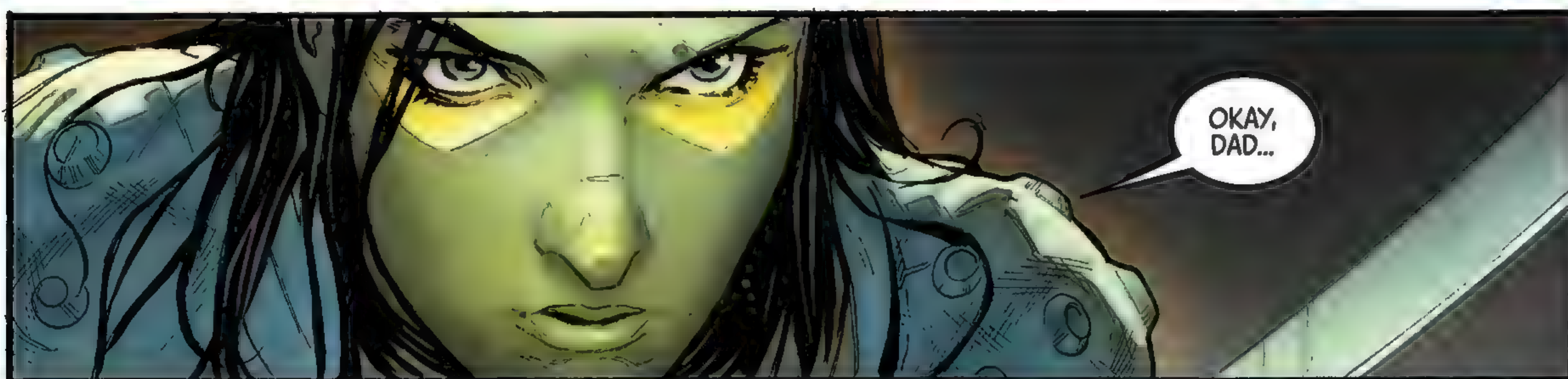
HI, I'M JOHNNY BLAZE. I'M THE KING AROUND HERE.

YOU MUST BE FRANK.



WANNA RACE?*

*FIND OUT MORE IN AVENGERS #22! --DS





WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I TOLD YOU I WAS GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS.

WELL, YEAH...BUT I THOUGHT...



I DON'T KNOW, I THOUGHT MAYBE THAT MEANT YOU HAD A NON-KILLING-YOUR-UNCLE CREATIVE SOLUTION HERE...

OPEN YOUR EYES, PETER.



THIS IS THE RESURRECTION OF THANOS.

THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION.

HEY, COME ON, NO! IF YOU KILL HIM, Y-YOU'RE DOING WHAT WE FOUGHT TO STOP!



IT'S NOT YOUR UNCLE'S FAULT HE WAS MANIPULATED LIKE THIS!

WE FOUGHT THE GALAXY TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM KILLING YOU BECAUSE YOU "MIGHT" BE THANOS...

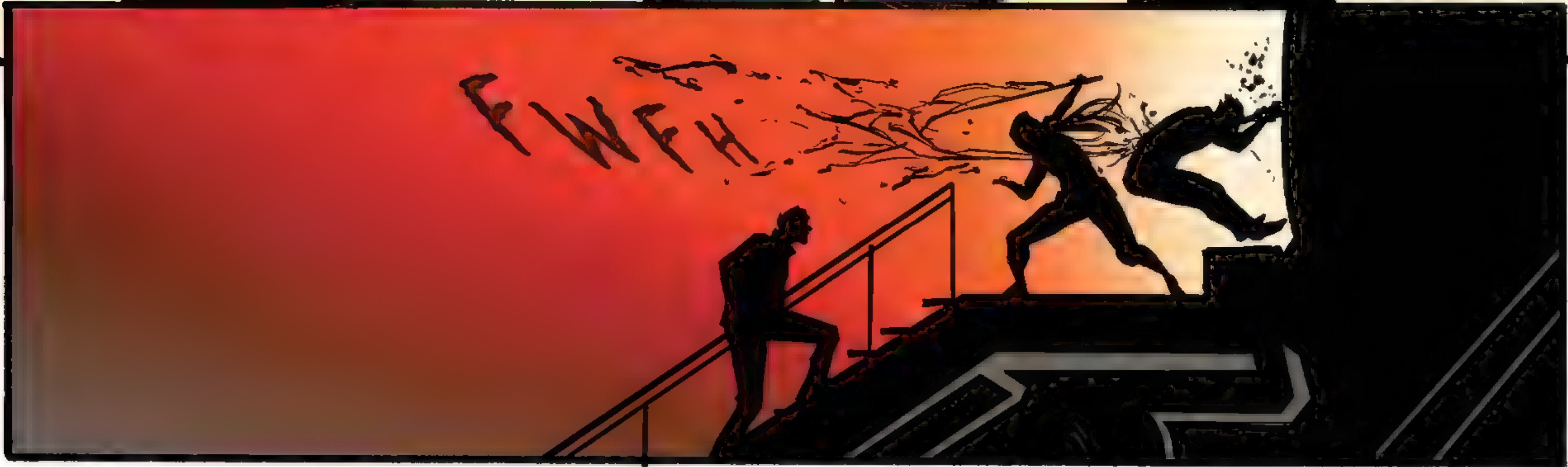
GAMORA... IF YOU KILL EROS...



...YOU'RE JUST LIKE THEM...

THAT'S THE THING THOUGH, PETER.

IF I HAD BEEN IN YOUR SHOES...





UNCLE...

WHA-
WHAT IS...



I'M...I'M
SO SORRY. I
HAD TO...

OH...
IT...

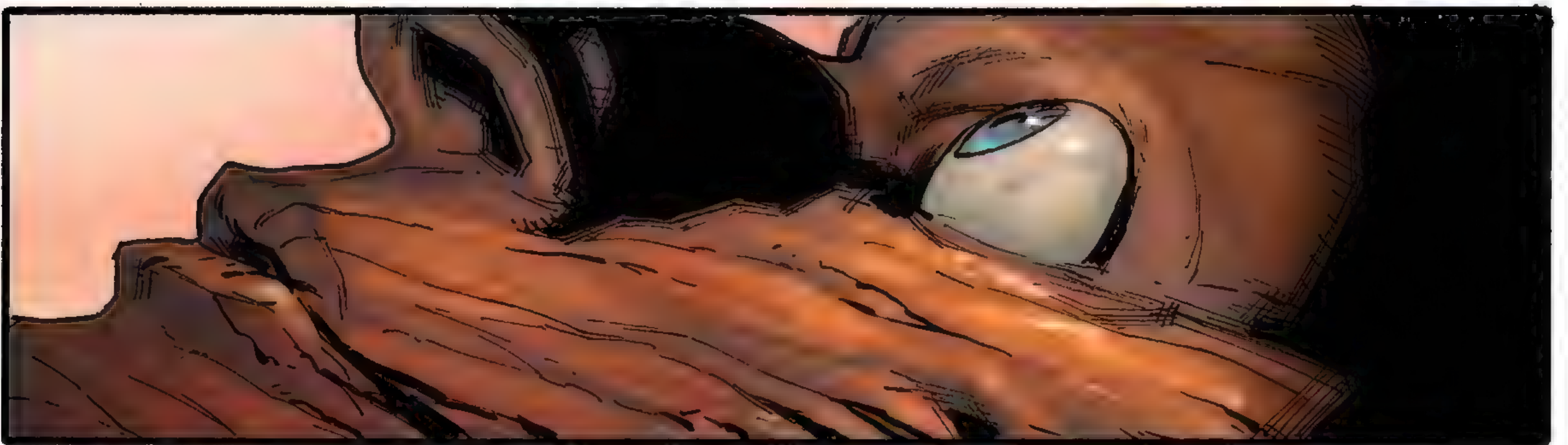


...IT WAS
ME, WASN'T
IT?

WELL...
THAT'S...THAT'S
SO...

...FRUSTRATINGLY...

...OBVIOUS...

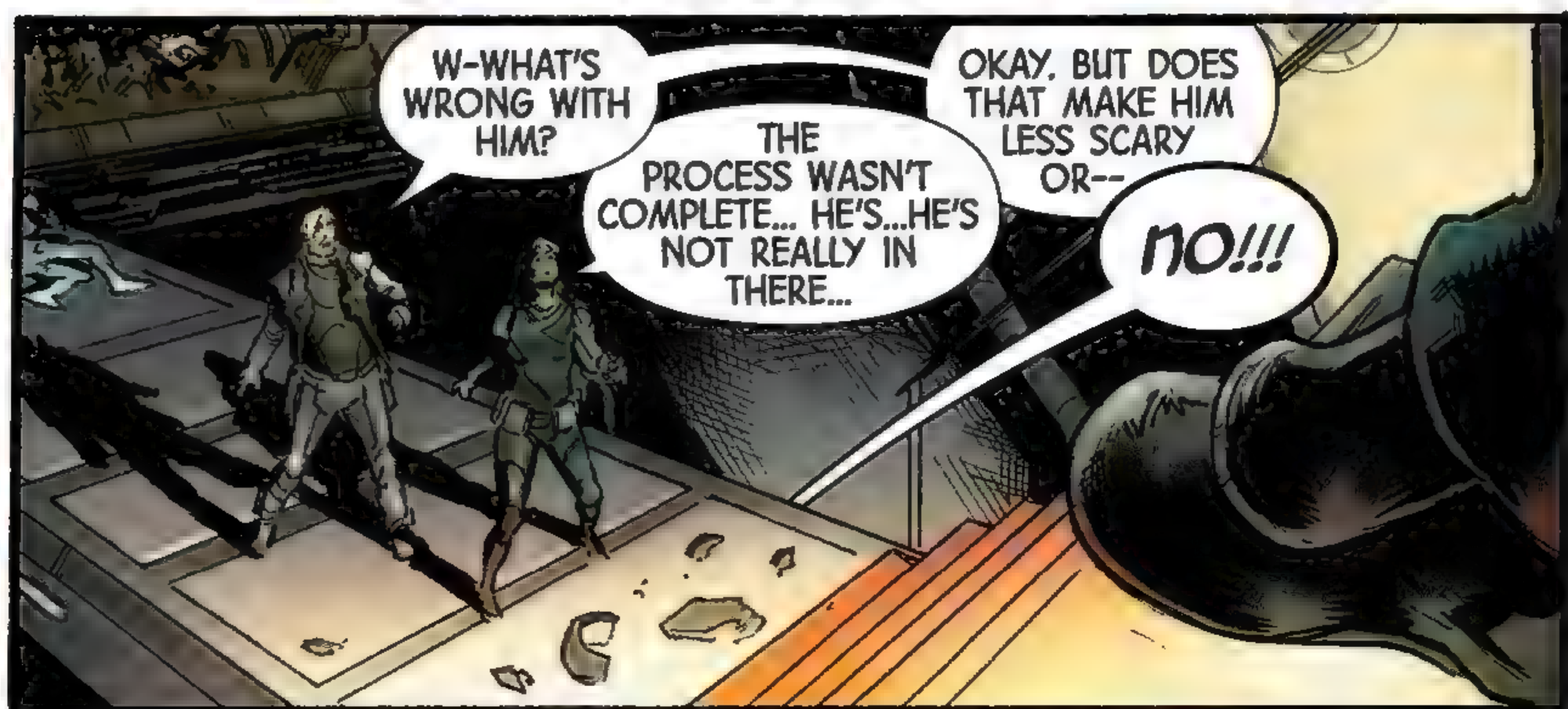
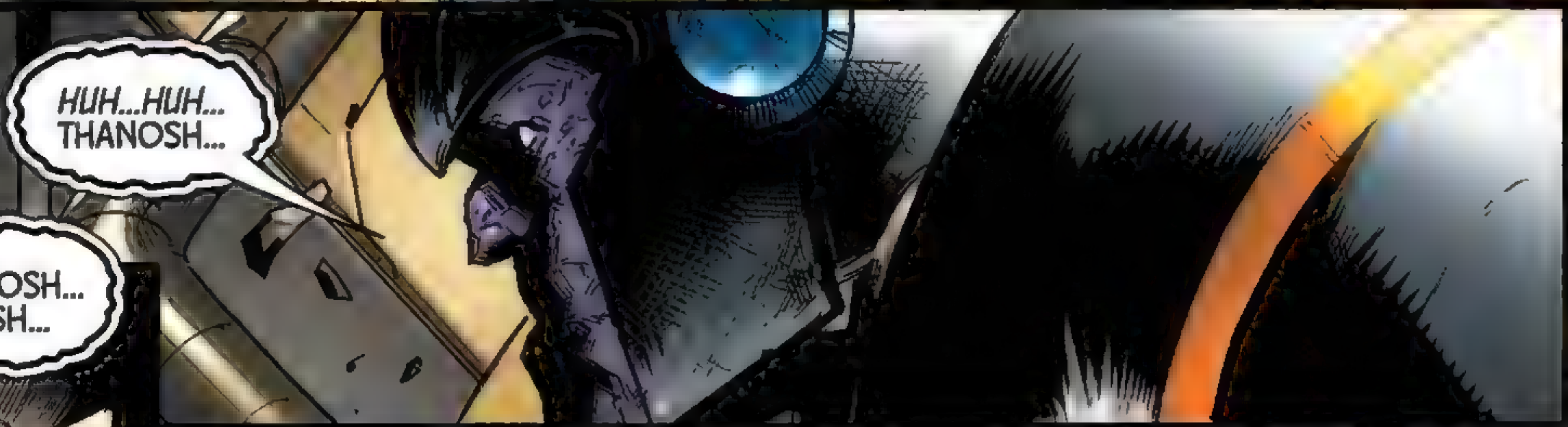


GAMORA...
I'M SO--



RUMBLE

RRRAAAGGHH!!!





YOU'VE
RUINED
HIM!!!

THE
BLACK HOLE
CANNON!

I SEE
IT!

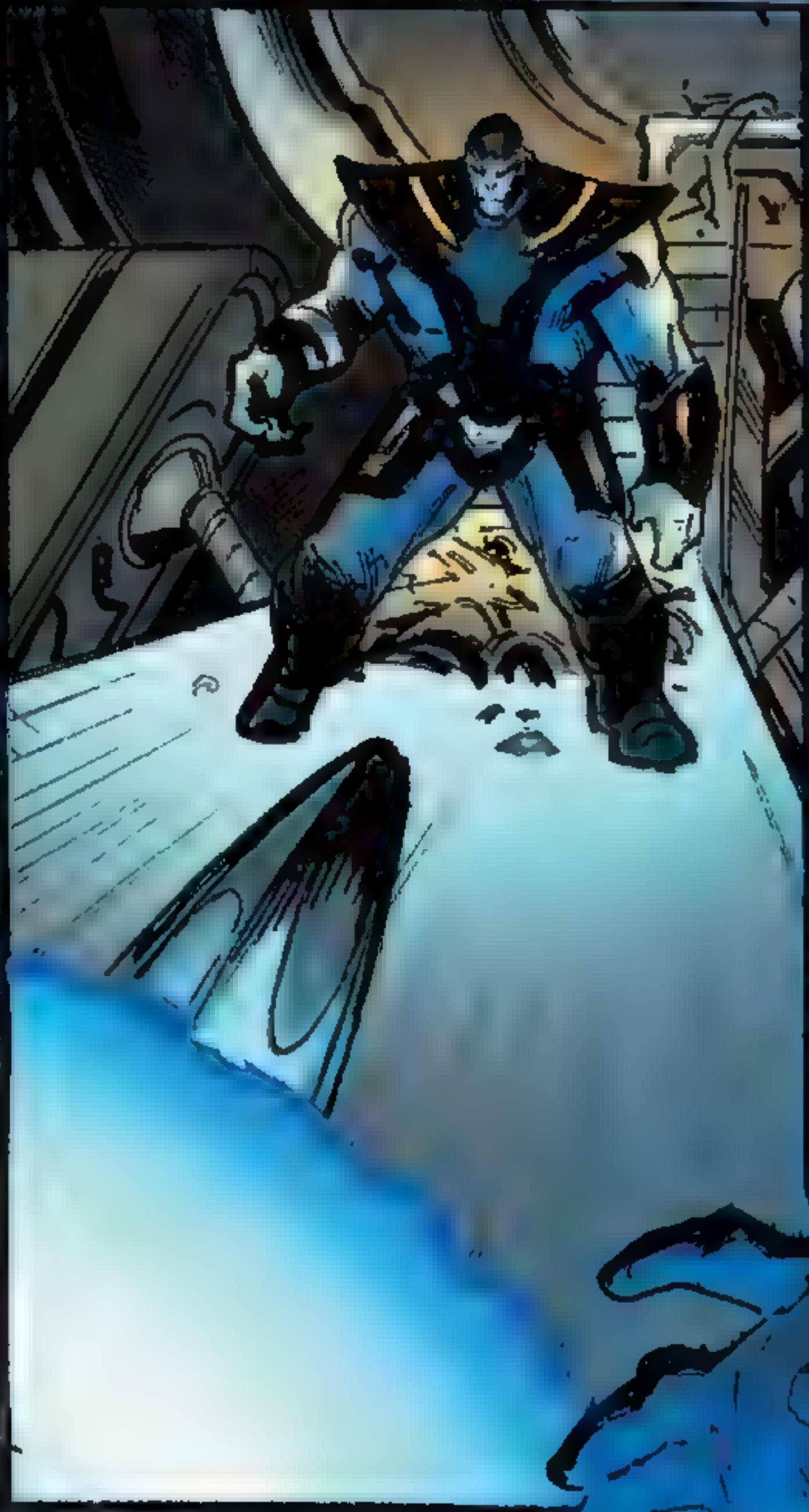
AGGHH!!!

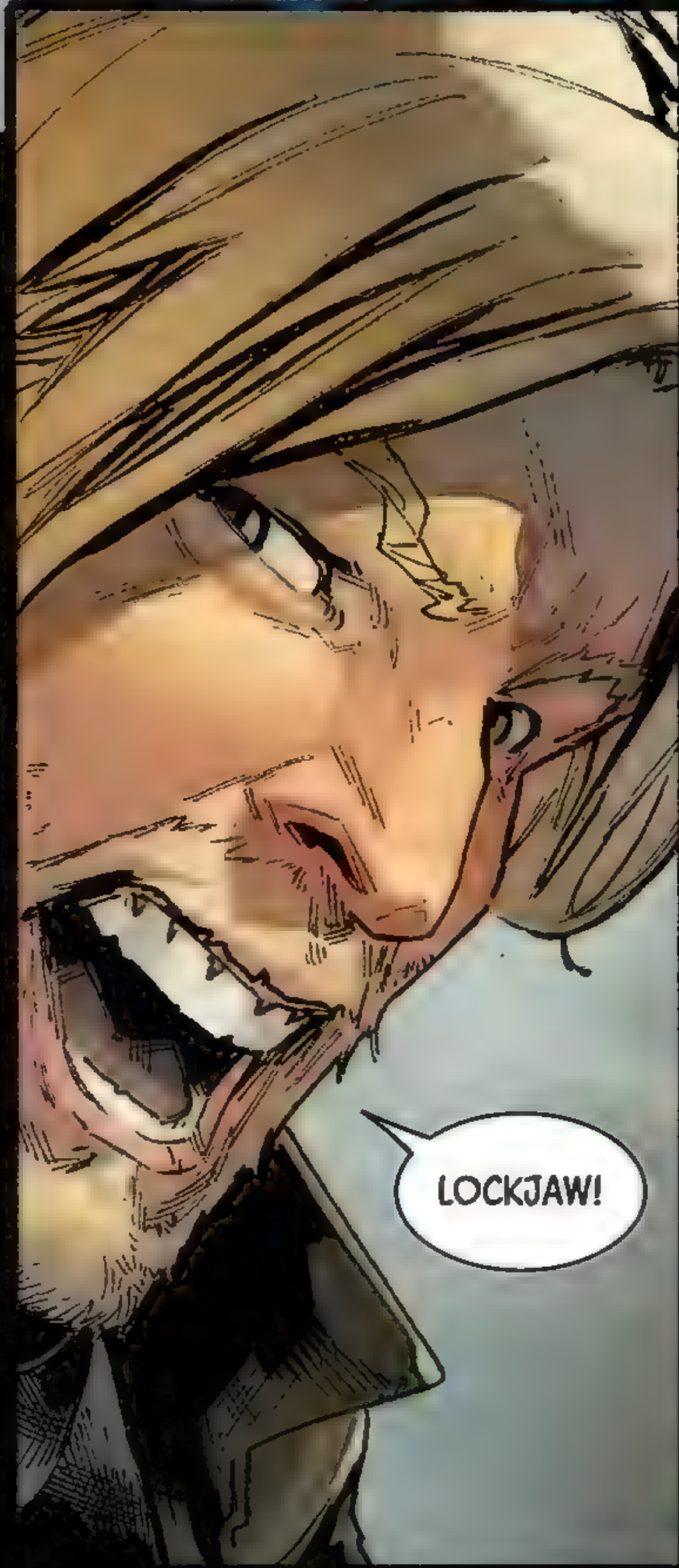
KRAK-

BOOM

NAY!

KLANG





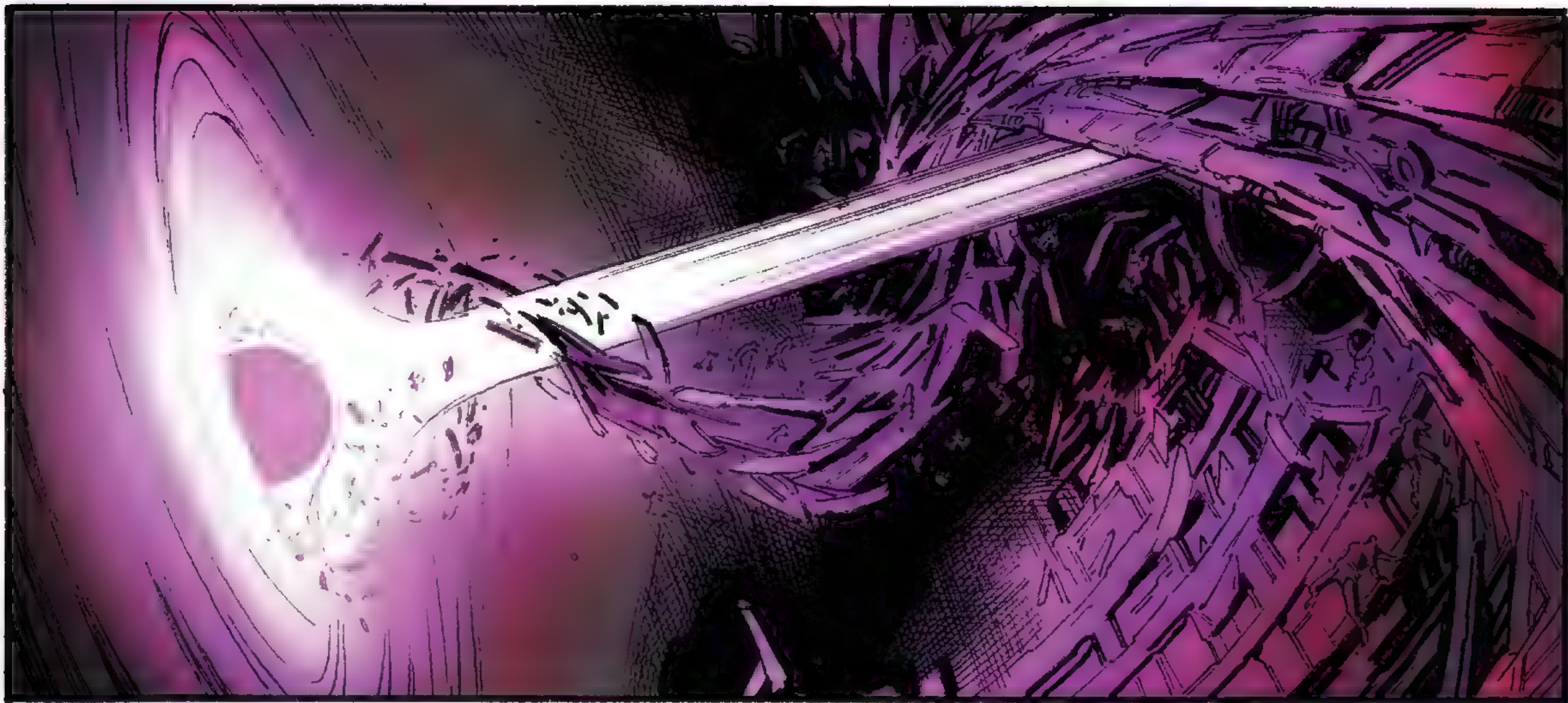


BOOM

CRASH

no!!!

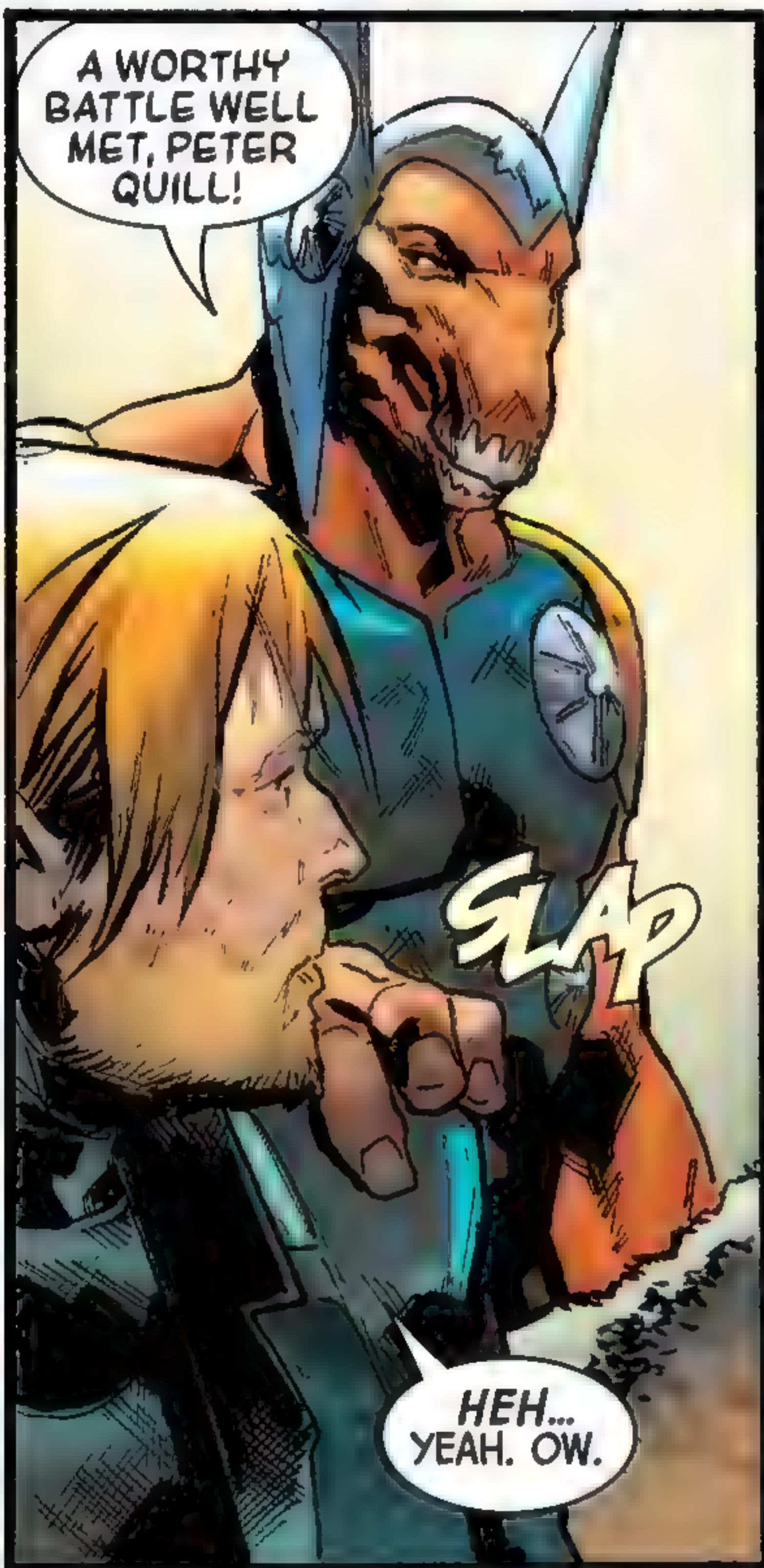
POOOOAGGHH!!!





GOOD BOY,
LOCKJAW.

GOOD
@#%&%
BOY.



A WORTHY
BATTLE WELL
MET, PETER
QUILL!

SLAP

HEH...
YEAH. OW.



YOU
OKAY?

YEAH,
BABE. I
JUST...

YEAH.

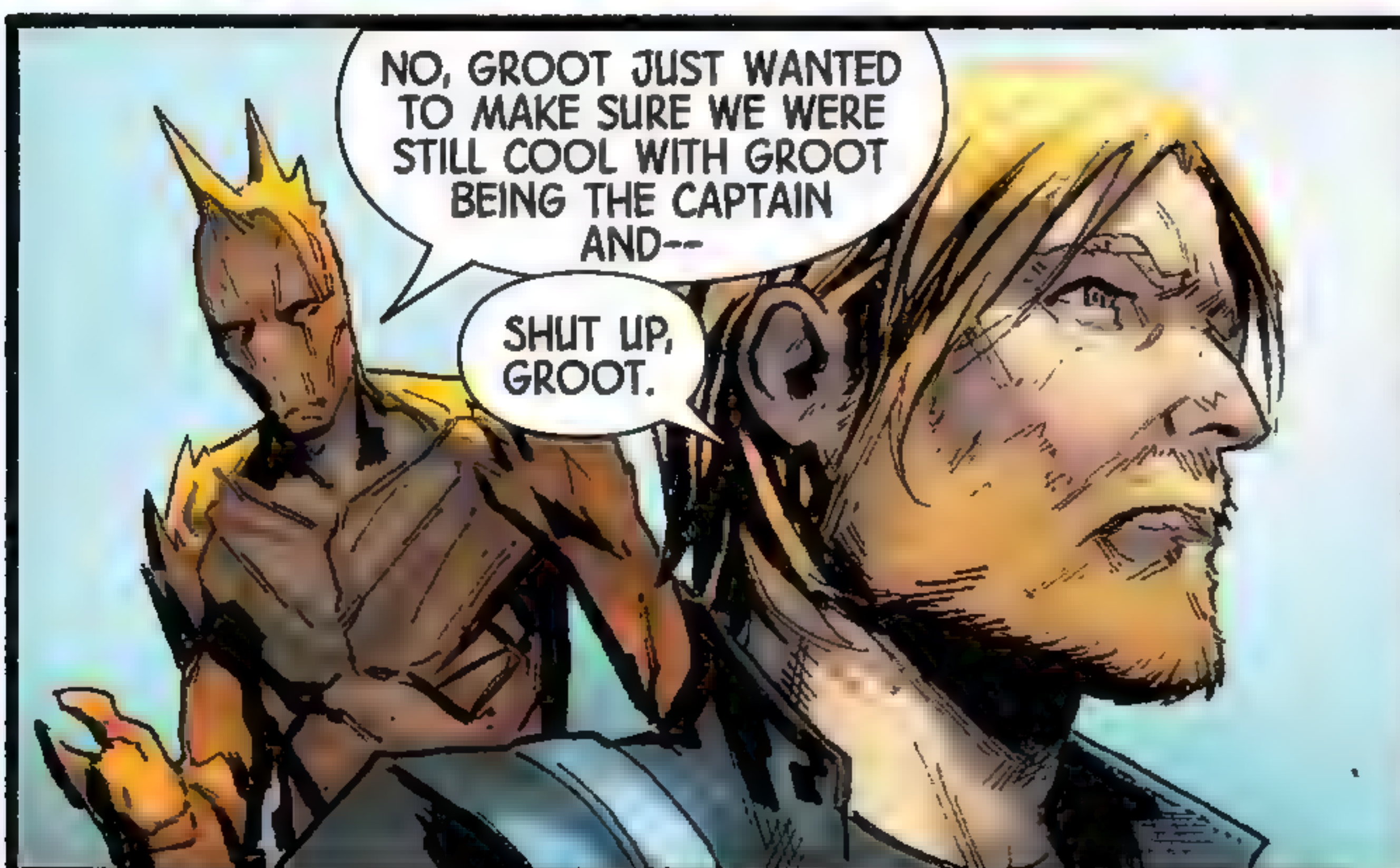
OKAY.



HEY...
ABOUT THE
MUTINY...

IT'S FINE.
I WAS
COMPROMISED.
I GET IT.

YOU
DID GOOD,
BUDDY.



NO, GROOT JUST WANTED
TO MAKE SURE WE WERE
STILL COOL WITH GROOT
BEING THE CAPTAIN
AND--

SHUT UP,
GROOT.



HEY...



LET'S
JUST LIVE."

DOLO-MAYAN.
WHERE COSMIC HEROES
AND VILLAINS GO TO
DRINK AWAY THEIR
VICTORIES.

GUYS!
GUYS!

I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY!

I'VE BEEN
THINKING...

NOW, WITH
THANOS GONE...THINGS
ARE GOING TO START
CRAWLING OUT OF THE
COSMIC SWAMP TO FILL
THE VACUUM HE
CREATED.

COULD BE
THAT THINGS ARE
GOING TO GET
QUIETER AROUND
HERE.

BUT IF OUR
COLLECTIVE HISTORY
IS ANY INDICATION...
ODDS ARE THEY
WON'T.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S
COMING. AND I
DON'T KNOW IF WE
CAN BEAT IT. BUT
WHAT I WANTED
TO SAY...

...IS THAT...
NOW, MORE
THAN EVER,
I'M DAMN PROUD
TO CALL YOU ALL
GUARDIANS!



I'M SORRY, BUT NO. I'M STILL THE MAJESTOR OF THE SHI'AR. MY PEOPLE AND I COULDN'T POSSIBLY...

I'M ACTUALLY ON CALL. I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE DRINKING. SORRY, PETE.



WELL, HELL. WE'RE STILL IN.

WHAT? HEATHER, WHEN DID WE--

PHYLA.

WHAT?



OBVIOUSLY I'M--

BYE, NEBULA.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I'M SORRY I TRIED TO--

BYE, NEBULA.



WHAT DID GROOT MISS?

ANOTHER MUTINY.

HA!

OKAY... SOOOO...

THAT'S... LESS THAN IDEAL...





WELL...
I
MEAN...



...WHAT ABOUT
ROCKET?

NEXT: WHAT *ABOUT* ROCKET?!



STEVE SHROCE & JASON KEITH
#1 variant



BERNIE WRIGHTSON & RICHARD ISANOVE
#1 Hidden Gem variant



GEOFF SHAW & DEAN WHITE
#1 variant



MIKE DEODATO JR. & RAIN BEREDO
#1 variant



MATTEO SCALERA & MATTHEW WILSON
#2 variant



TOM RANEY & RACHELLE ROSENBERG
#4 Asgardian variant



GERALD PAREL
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